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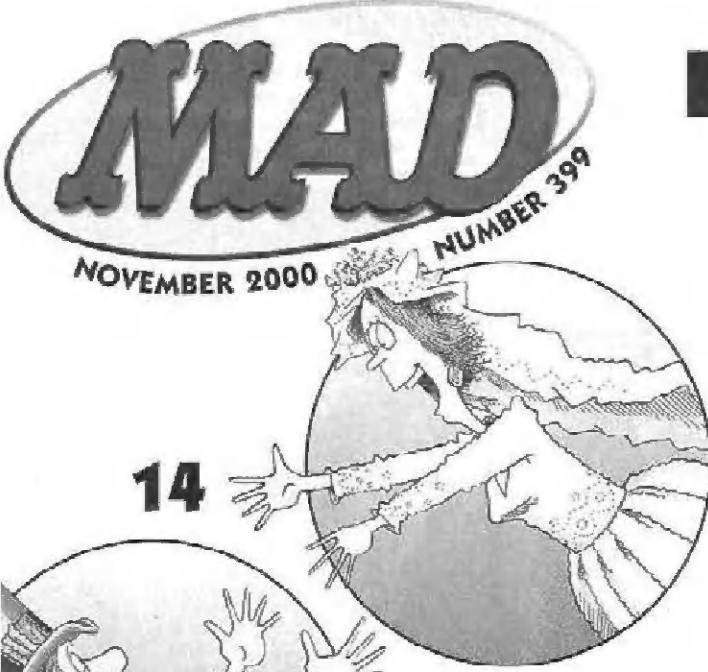
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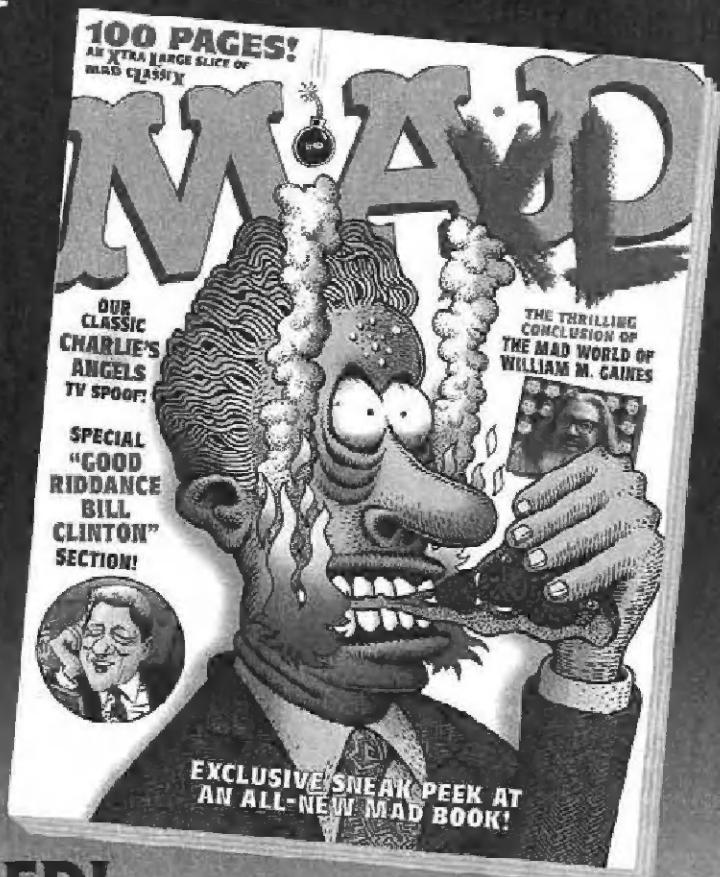


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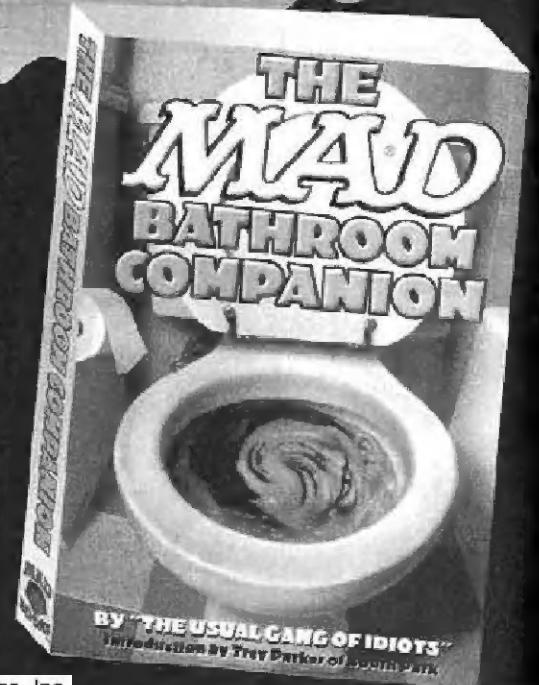
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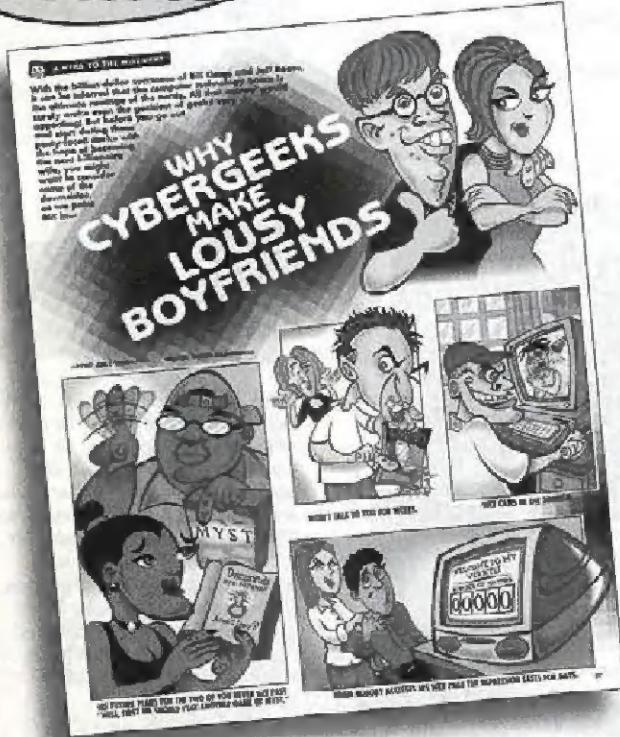


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"With current divorce rates,
it seems that often times the
honeymoon is over before
the honeymoon is over!"





"MAD'S 50 WORST THINGS ABOUT TV"

I used to subscribe to *TV Guide* until I read your article "MAD's 50 Worst Things About TV" (issue #396). Now I realize I've been subscribing to the wrong magazine!

Louis Carta, Cromwell, CT

Magna Carta — We couldn't be happier. Now that you're subscribing to the right magazine, enjoy your subscription to **Teen Rabbi** — the magazine for everybody. **Mazel Tov!** — Ed.

I strongly disagree with the fact that you said *Scooby Doo* is a bad thing about TV ("MAD's 50 Worst Things About TV"). You shouldn't make fun of other people's interests and opinions. If some people enjoy watching a dog and a guy high on drugs chasing ghosts then that's fine with me. I don't make fun of them for that.

Kevin Credo, Highland Park, IL

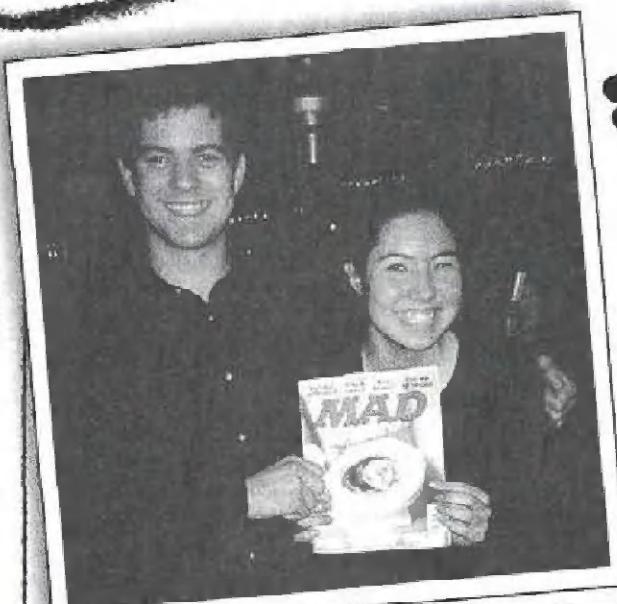
Kev — Yours is a fascinating letter. We bet you have other strong feelings about *Casper the Friendly Ghost*, *The Jetsons* and *Spongebob Squarepants*. Zoink, Zoink, Zoink! — Ed.

HIT ON MISSIVES

I would like to comment on something. I am surprised by the number of letters you print from people offended by your magazine's articles. Complaining that MAD is offensive is like picking up a copy of *Penthouse* and being surprised by the naked women inside. Offensive humor is the best kind, it challenges your thoughts. Only by questioning our own thoughts and ideals can we truly begin to understand others. We are not always right, we do not have to shield our opinions from all criticism. I pity the weak person who cannot stand to read something that is offensive to him. We should all be open-minded.

Brian Whipple, Solon, ME

Mr. Whipple — please don't squeeze the Charmin — Blah, blah! — Ed.
P.S. Zoink, Zoink, Zoink!



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THE ED'S NIFTY FIFTY™

Yeah, we asked for a cast member of *Dawson's Creek* for our **Nifty Fifty™**, but now, to tell you the truth, we're just sick about it. What the hell were we thinking? But a deal is a deal, so Monica Sawyer of Scarsdale, NY, you get your three-year subscription for your pic of Joshua Jackson (he plays Pacey for all you uninitiated Dawson's fans). Now get the hell out of here, leave us alone, just go away! You follow? — Ed.

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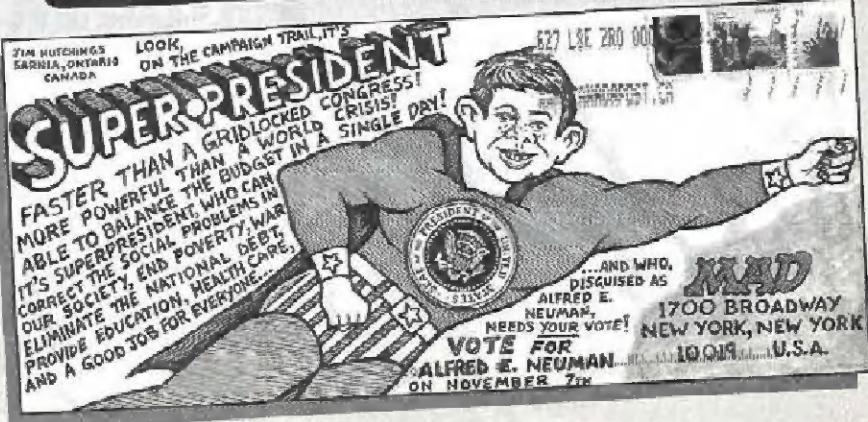
Here's my dumb wish: Can you set up a branch office here in Singapore? I am sure that with the right marketing mix, MAD will top the reader's charts every single week. As a favor to you, I am willing to offer my services as Chief Marketing Officer, for approximately US \$7,000 per month. Such an investment may possibly make you multi-billionaires, so do consider my proposal.

Jason Tan, Singapore

Tan Man — As luck would have it, your letter arrived a day late. We had already appointed a new Chief Marketing Officer for Singapore, that bumbling idiot Godfrey. Look for him to be making big moves as he sets up the Singapore office just as soon as he scrapes together the bus fare. Your interest in the **Make a Dumb Wish Foundation™** is greatly appreciated. — Ed.

ENVELOPE OF THE MONTH

Look, up in sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! Nope, it's another moronic envelope of the month from Jim Hutchings of Ontario, Canada!





MINT VS. MINT

Altoids, that curiously strong mint, have curiously used our very own Spies to grace their newest advertisement! Look for the ad in leading magazines everywhere!

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MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS

Here's a picture of Darva Conger from FOX's "Who Wants to Marry a Multi-Millionaire?" She was nice enough to pose with me at her *Playboy* signing event.

Barry Nackos, Los Angeles, CA
Ooo, great photo! You're
actually closer to her than Rick
Rockwell ever was, but not as
close as the *Playboy* photo-
grapher was! Sorry, you only get
a one-year subscription because
Darva's not holding it. Which,
oddly enough, was Rick Rockwell's
complaint about Darva! But not
the *Playboy* photographer's
though!

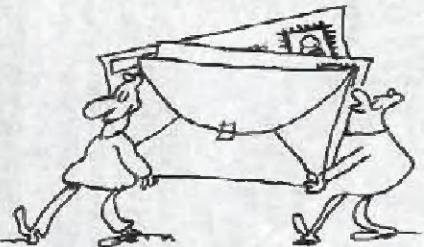


CORRECTION OF DEPARTMENTS

In some issues I have noticed that in the list of departments sometimes one of the departments does not correspond to the page given. For example, in issue #392 "If Mother Teresa Was a Gangster Rapper" (Babes in the Sainthood Dept.) was not on page 35. If it was, it would have been in the middle of "Half Fact Whole Fact." If you can, please answer my question.

Grant Evans, Glenside, PA

Yo G — Oh! So you're the one! we were wondering who got that rare copy with the missing article. We know of one other such copy which was recently appraised by Hans Brickface of Brickface's Bric-a-Brac and Other Oddities for \$115, \$125 if the fold-in isn't done! Good luck on eBay! By the way, what was your question? — Ed.



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SUPER ZEROES DEPT.

The comic books! The poseable action figures! The trading cards! The graphic novels! The TV special! The shirts! The soundtrack! The videogame! And.... um.... oh yeah, there's a movie somewhere amid all the merchandising! With all those greedy tie-ins, is it any wonder these geeky freaks are called the...

My name is Professor \$, and I created the \$-Men! I recruited five bizarre freaks and drilled them like soldiers until they could perform together as a single unit! I got the idea from the guy who started The Backstreet Boys and 'N SYNC!

I'm the \$-Man called Cyclod! I first knew I was different when I was a child! I tried to read a bedtime story, and I burned my house down! You might think it's cool to have nuclear-powered eyeballs, but there's a downside! My weekly Visine bills are through the roof!

They call me Deform! I have supreme power over the weather! I know I'm an awful actress, but it could be worse! It could have been Al Roker Inside this suit! Although I'll admit that Willard Scott has a much more natural looking wig than mine! When I auditioned for this role, I had to act like I was creating a killer hurricane! Afterwards, the casting director paid me a huge compliment! He said, "Wow, you really blew!"



Vaseline's my monicker, bub! Life is a highway, and I've got road rage! My foot, your ass...let's do lunch! As you can see, I have a crucial role in \$-Men! I'm the only one who can deliver dumb catch phrases!

I'm Rogaine, a superhero with the ability to suck the life out of anything! You know, just like George Clooney and Joel Schumacher did to the Batman franchise!

I'm Jean Greyponpon, and I'm so dull that I don't even get to have a super nickname! I possess the ability to read other people's minds! I can foretell exactly what a person will do next! That's not so amazing, though...with the lousy predictable script they gave us, anybody watching this movie can do the same thing!

S-MEN

ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES
WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN

Magnesia here! My parents get killed by the Nazis at the beginning of the movie!

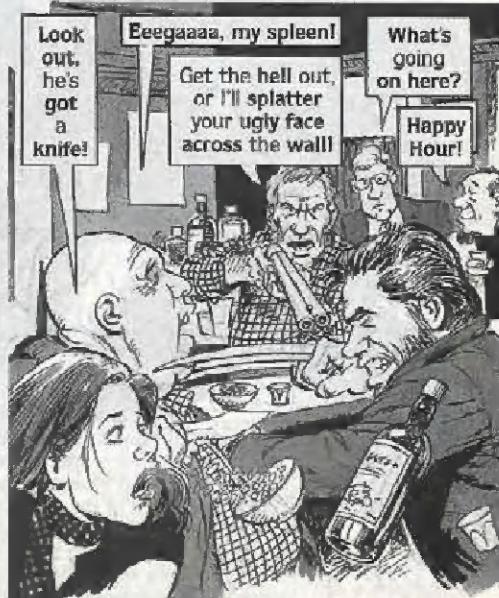
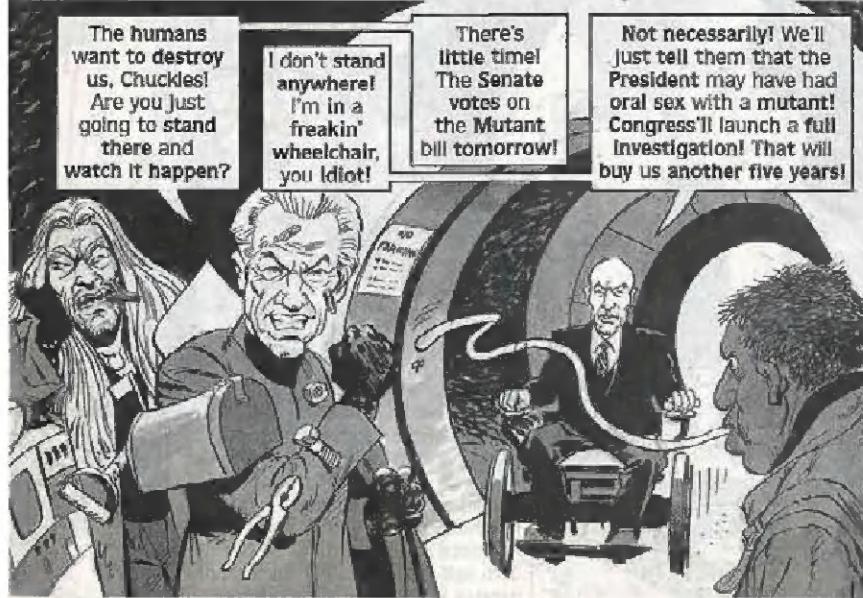
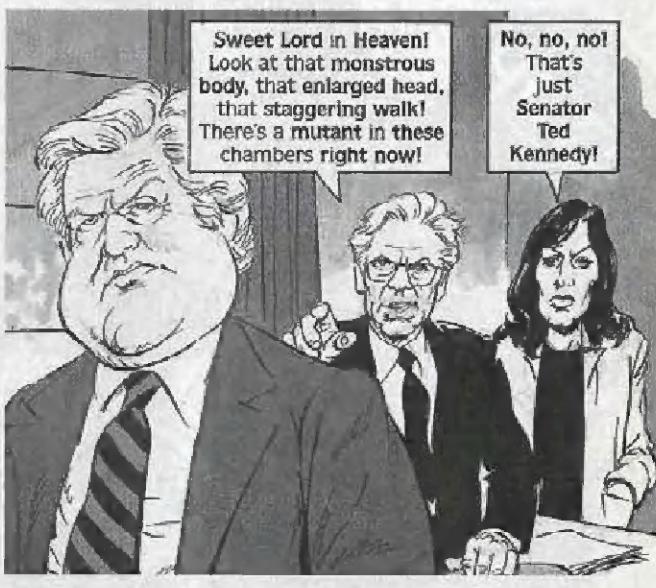
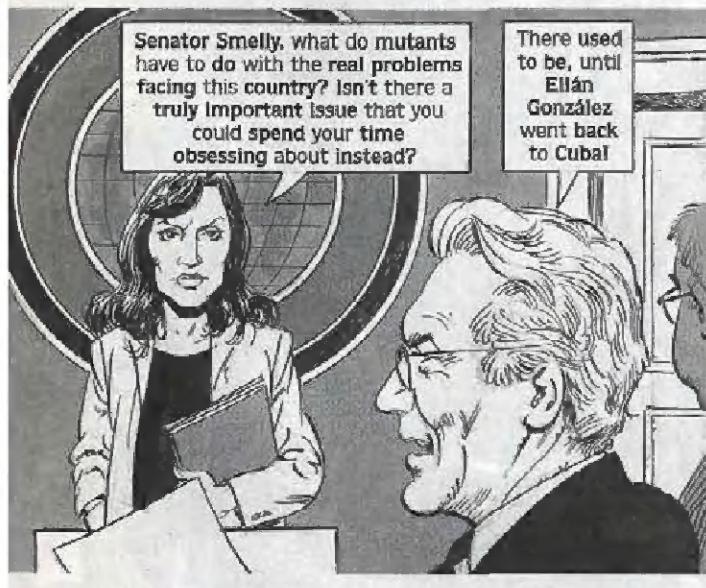
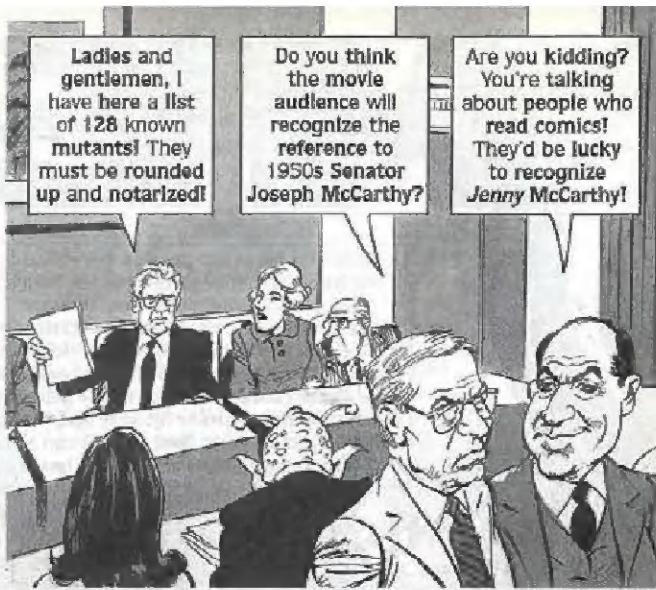
You might wonder how the director, Bryan Singer, got away with trivializing the Holocaust in a superhero action flick! Well, at least it's more sensitive than his next film: *The Nutty Fuhrer!* Because of my incredible magnetic power, I can fly, tear apart walls and lift police cars! Best of all, I can stick paper clips on the side of my head!

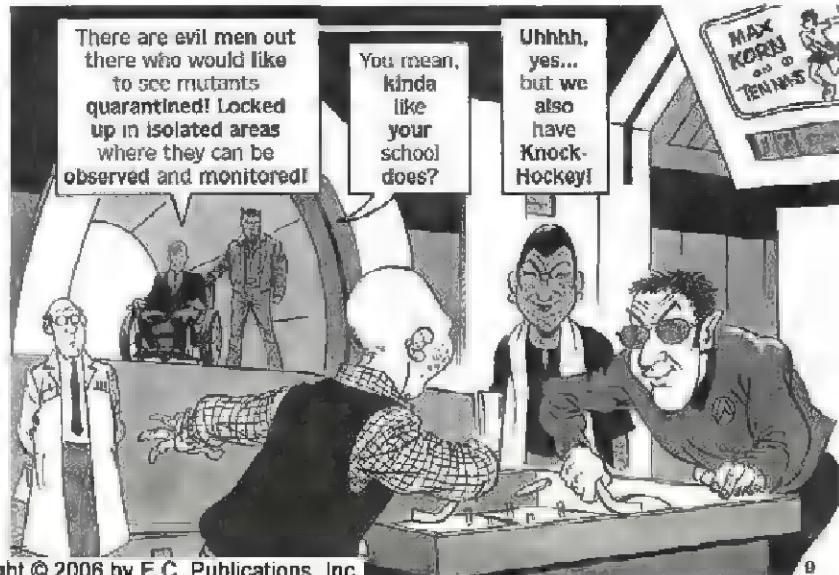
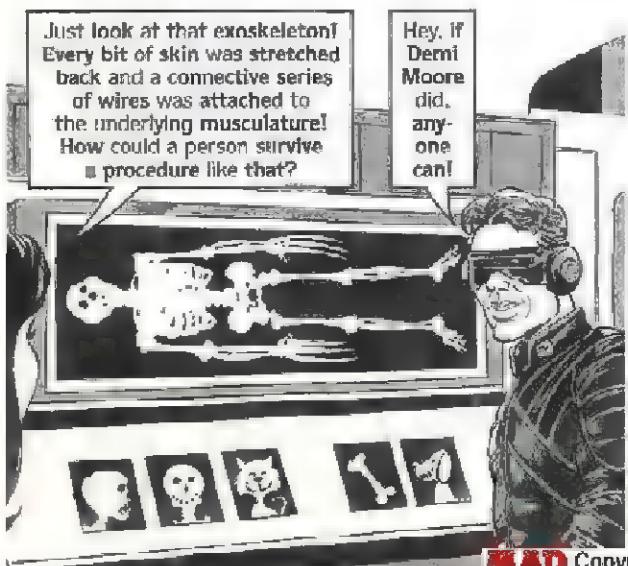
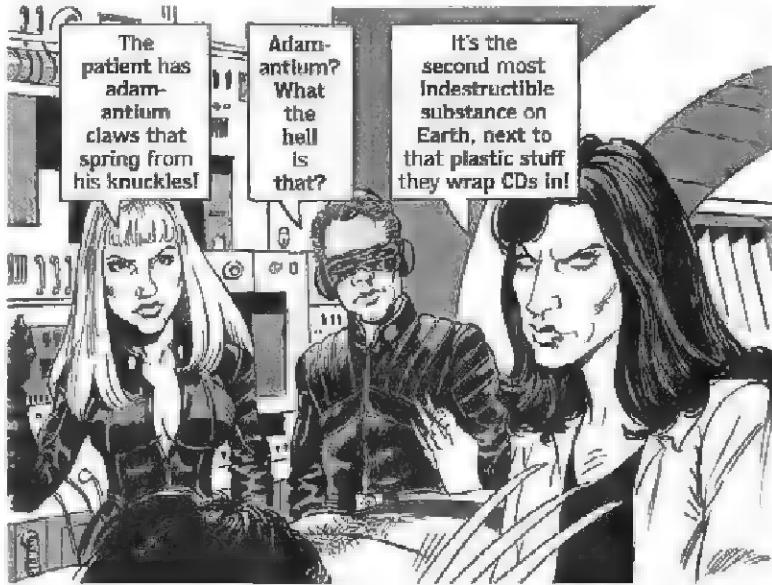
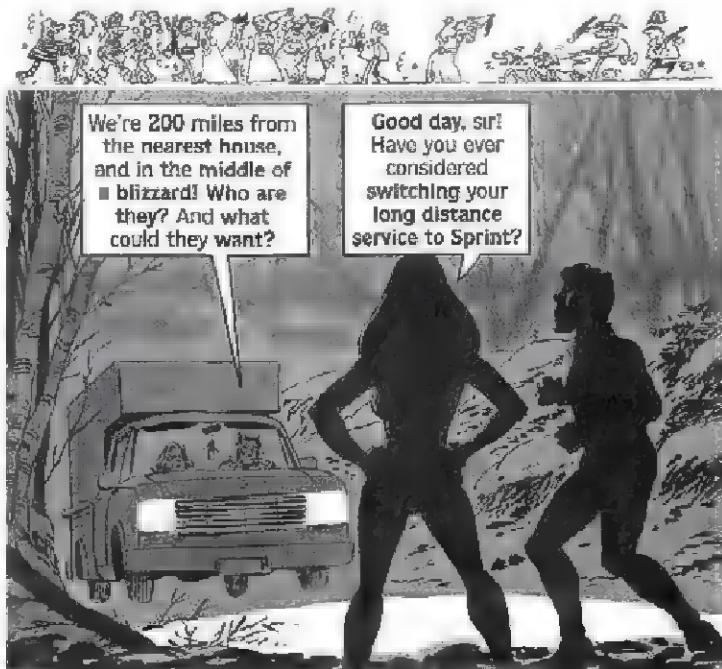
I'm Slobbergoof! All I do is growl and attack innocent people! I'm thinking of getting my own radio talk show! And I already have more lines of dialogue in this one dialogue balloon than I get in the entire \$-Men movie! Bye!

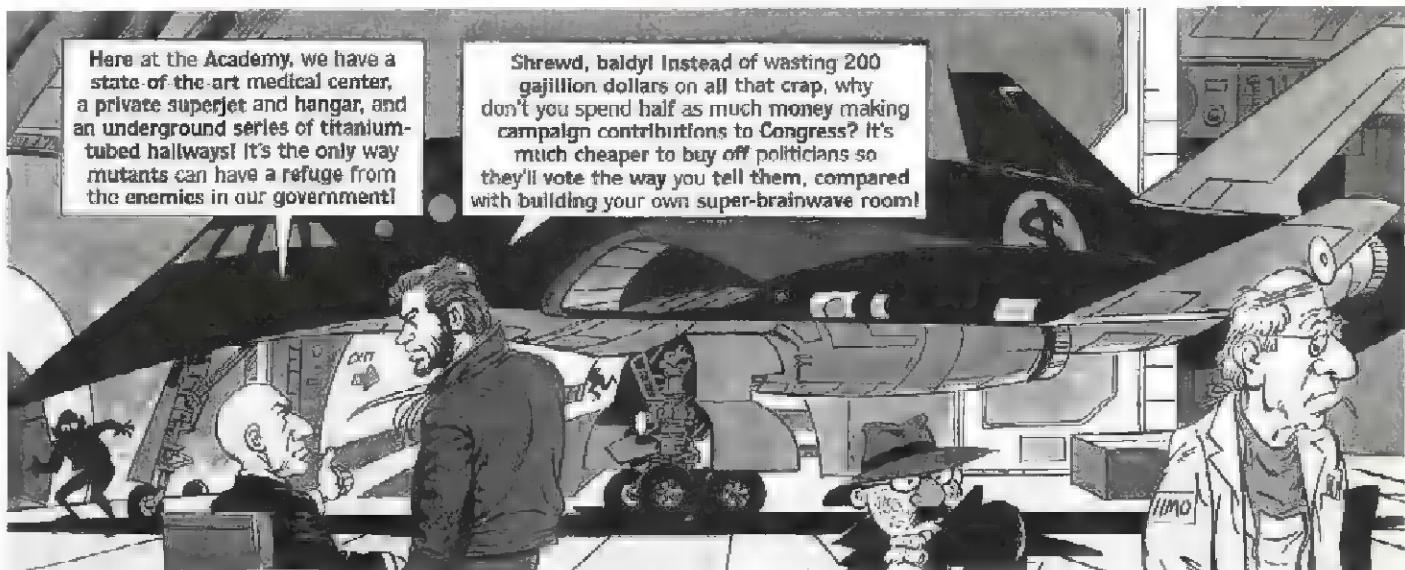
My name's Load! I use my weird 25-foot tongue for super-sucking! But I'm used to things that super-suck! I was Darth Maul in *The Phantom Menace*!

I'm Physique! I had to stay still for ten hours a day while a special makeup technician applied blue paint to every curve and nook of my naked body! The technician even had a special job title: "Luckiest Son of a Bitch in Show Business!" Some people are scared of mutants, but not me! I'm married to John Stamos!

I'm Senator Jefferson Smelly! I play a cynical Washington hack who beats up on the weak members of society to score cheap points with the voters, before switching to protect my own self-interest! See? Comic book movies don't have to be unrealistic!

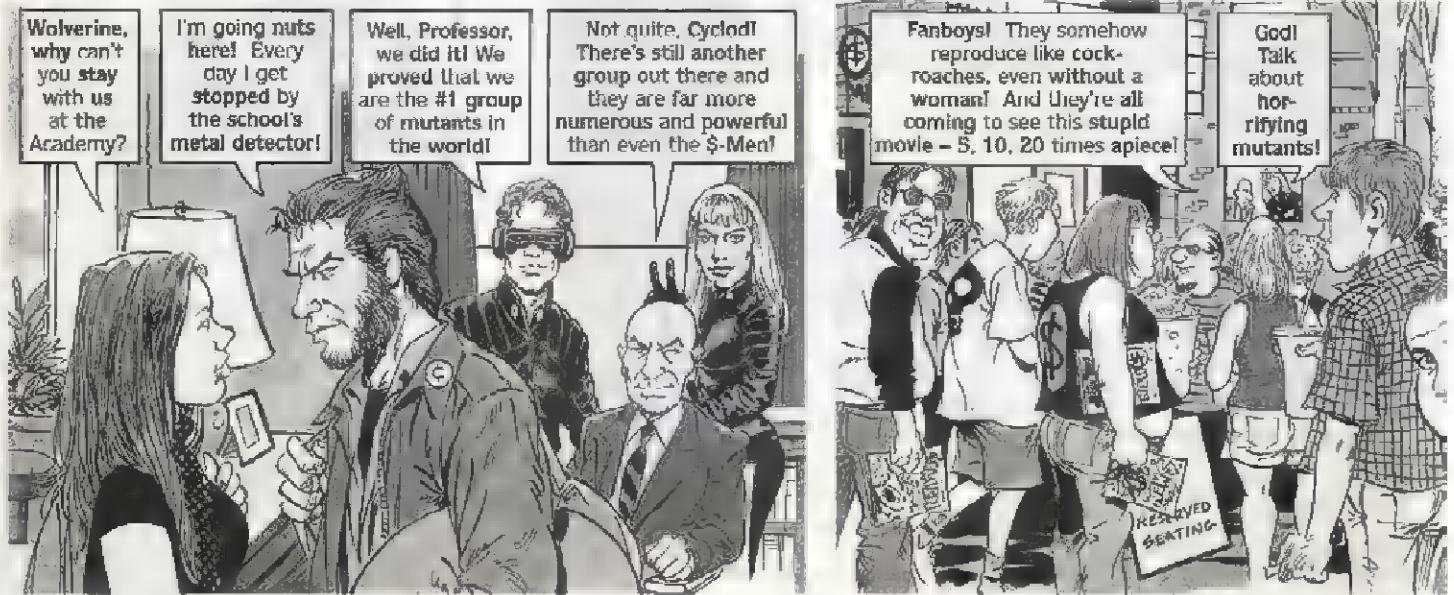


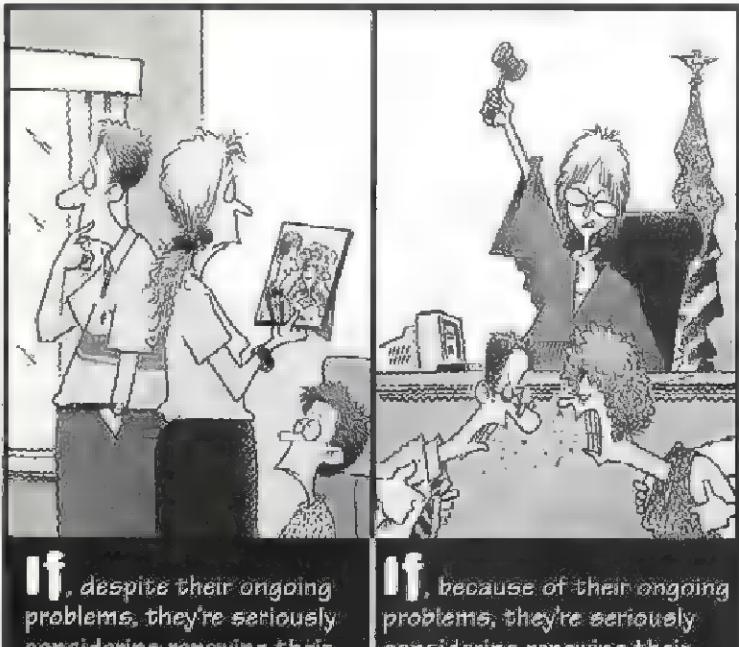












If, despite their ongoing problems, they're seriously considering renewing their vows, things may work out.

If, because of their ongoing problems, they're seriously considering renewing their restraining orders, it's toast.

MAY DIVORCE BE WITH YOU DEPT.

Marriage. It's the eternal union of two souls traversing life's natural path hand in hand. But sometimes along that journey (actually, more like 50% of the time) the woman decides that she's had it with his laziness, poor personal hygiene and refusal to wear pants around the house. And the man may decide he's fed up with her complaining, nagging and the burnt road kill she offers as dinner. There's a thin line between love and hate, and there's an even thinner line between matrimony and alimony! Have your folks crossed that line? Take this little quiz and see...

CAN YOUR PARENTS'



If they often argue over the fact that your mother's job pays better than your father's work, there's still hope.



If they often argue over the fact that your mother's "Nudie Voyeur Web Site" pays better than your father's work, JEEZIZ LOOK OUT!



If your father brings home his low-brow friends at all hours and asks your mother to cook for them, there's still hope.

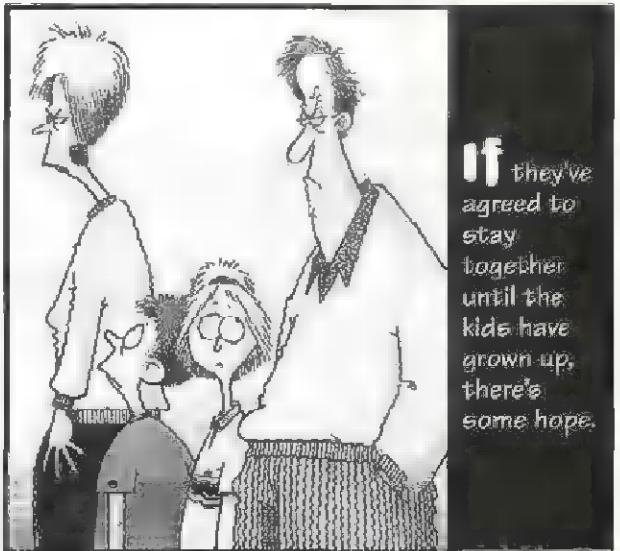


MARRIAGE BE SAVED???

ARTIST AND WRITER: JOHN CALDWELL



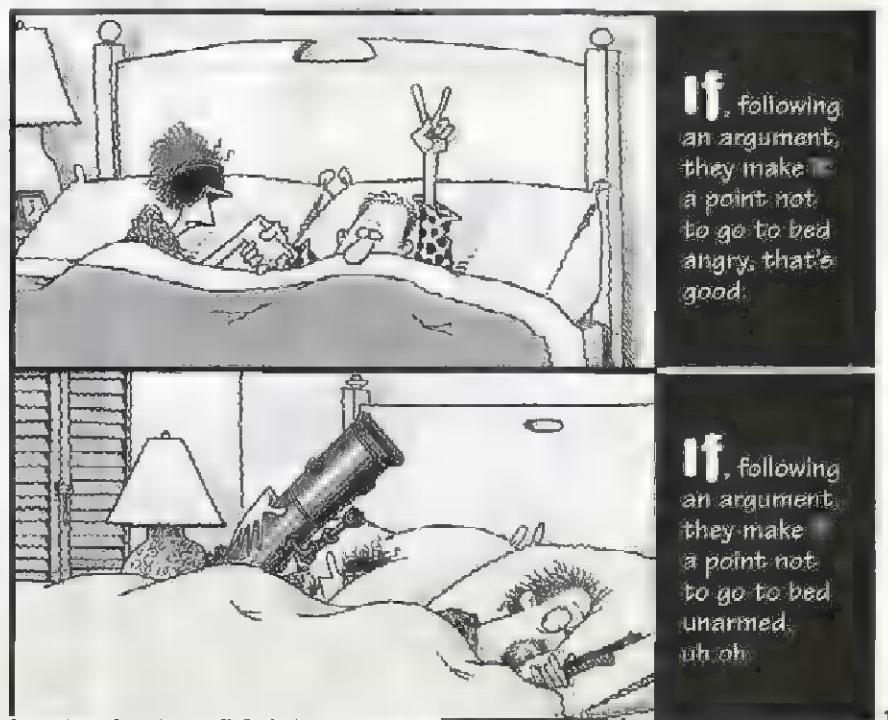
If your father brings home his low-life bookie at all hours and asks your mother to help work off the "vig" he owes him, all bets are off.



If they've agreed to stay together until the kids have grown up, there's some hope.



If they've agreed to click it out until the liquor cabinet is empty, say sayonara.



If, following an argument, they make a point not to go to bed angry, that's good.

If, following an argument, they make a point not to go to bed unarmed, uh oh.

CAN YOUR PARENTS' MARRIAGE BE SAVED???

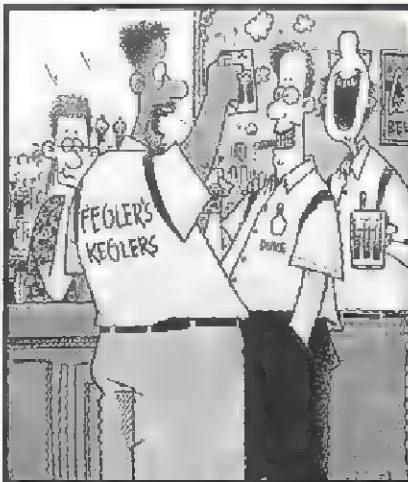
OKAY, THEN...I'LL ONLY RENT PORN ON YOUR BINGO NIGHTS.



If they're trying to work things out through a marriage counselor, that's a good sign.

YOU HEARD ME! ONE WEEKEND AT THE INDIAN CASINO WITH THE GALS, AND A CARTON OF GENERIC MENTHOLS!! OTHERWISE THE STINKIN' CRUMBUM'S A MEMORY!!

If they're trying to work things out through a hostage negotiator, stick a fork in it.



If your father likes to spend one night a week with the boys, things may improve.



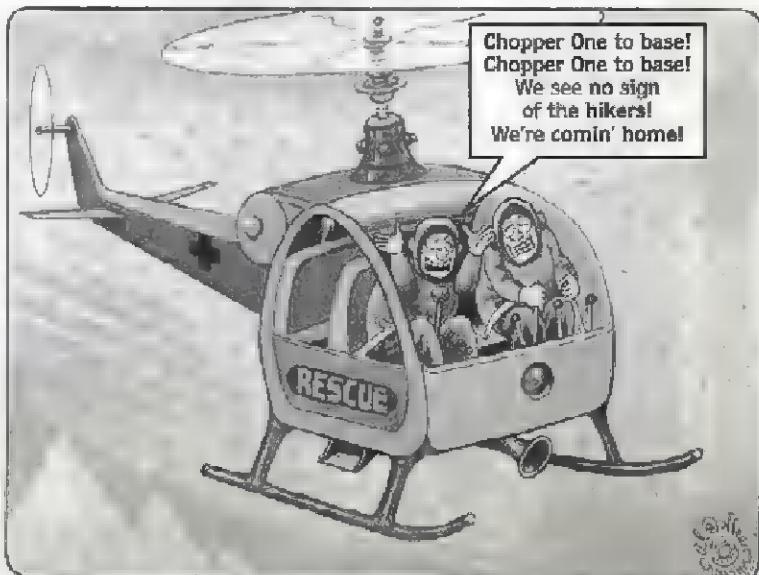
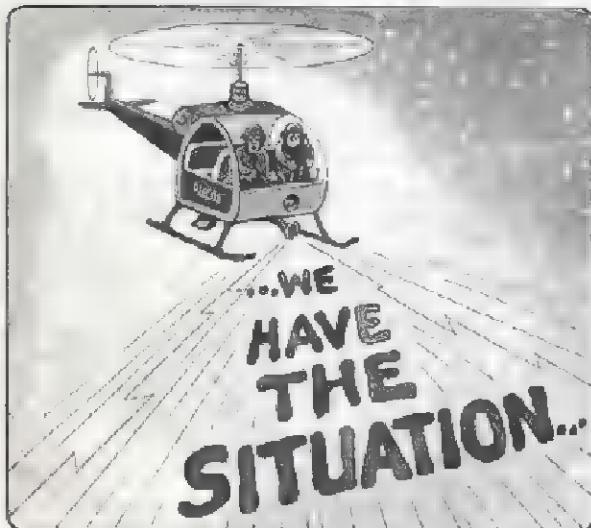
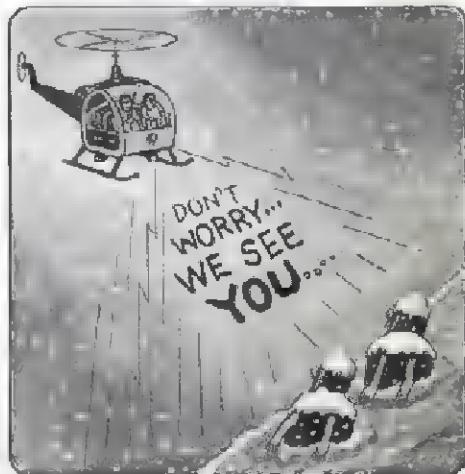
If your mother likes to spend one afternoon a week with the boys, bring down the curtains on this one.



If they're overwhelmed by the support of friends who want to see them get through the hard times, things may work out.

If they're overwhelmed by the autograph requests of fans who know them from their multiple "Domestic Dispute" appearances on Cops, forget it.

The Rescue





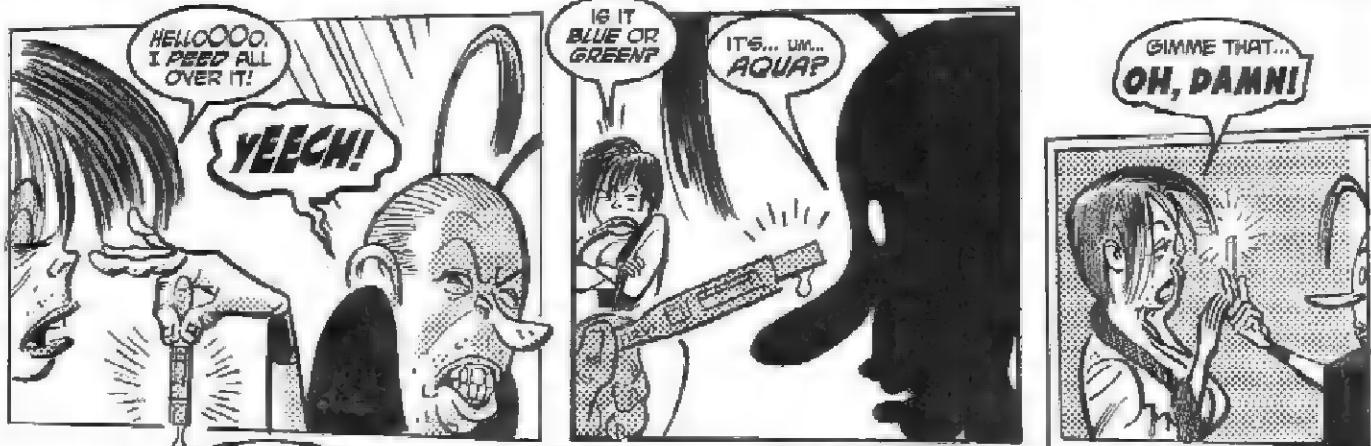
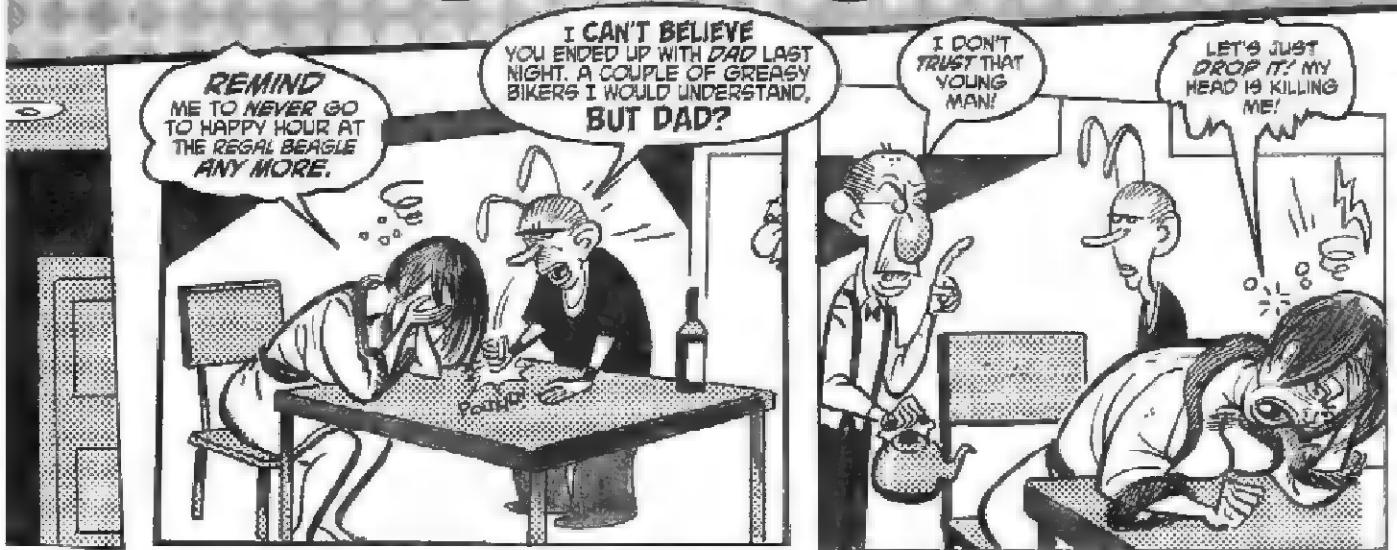
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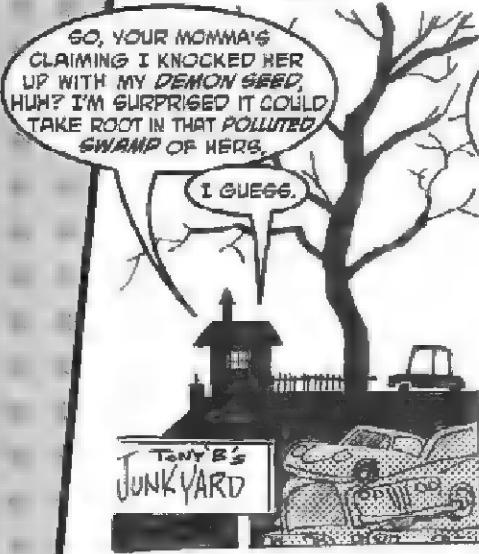


THE BABY

Join us as Monroe finds out the true meaning of the phrase "labor pains."



Monroe



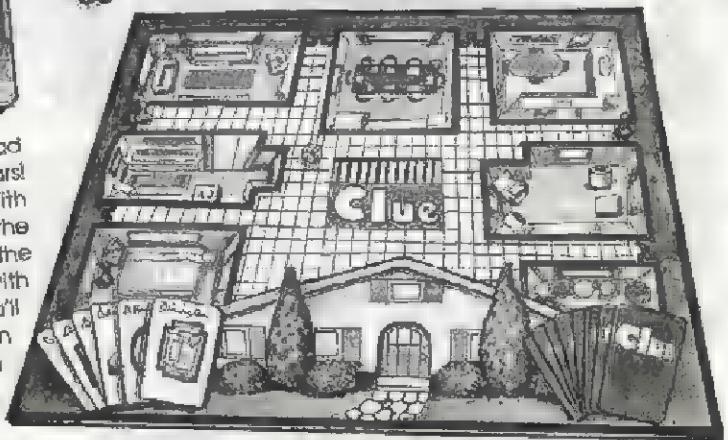




THE REVISE HAVE IT DEPT.

In 1999, for the 14th consecutive year, sales of board games dropped by an alarming 41%. (Note: We have no idea if that's true.) Realizing that board game:

UPDATED BOARD GAMES



Try your hand at solving the disturbing crime that's had the entire Boulder Police Department stumped for years! Was it...Mrs. Ramsey in the cellar with the duct tape with Mr. Ramsey hiding the evidence? Or was it...Mrs. Ramsey in the attic with the fake ransom note with Mr. Ramsey hiding the evidence? Or could it be...Mrs. Ramsey in the rec room with the jump rope with Mr. Ramsey hiding the evidence? You'll find definitive answers difficult to come by, especially with the Geraldo-led non-stop media circus distracting you and blurring the facts. But not to worry! At least you can rule out Colonel Mustard and the gang!



Forget about that tired old fo'ly ouncel. Drink in the gin and juice of word power instead! Form words like "whassup," "phat," "aight," and "booya" (worth 46 points on a double word score)! Spell a word correctly according to Webster's Dictionary and you lose a turn. This ebonically-correct game comes with a handy "Wigger-to-English" dictionary, but be warned: Players have been known to consult their gots instead! (Endorsed by Kid Rock, Eminem and the new "funky" Colonel Sanders.)

belong to a different time, a different era — and yes, a different century, manufacturers have to make them more relevant to today's youth by coming up with these...

FOR THE 21ST CENTURY



Now you can command your very own battleship of lusty young sailors! But you'll have to keep their sexual orientation secret or go down with the ship! The first player to "out" the other's battleship with a well-placed pink torpedo wins — and then it's "Fire in the hole!" Whether you're sexually tolerant or a paranoid homophobe, you'll be shouting, "Up periscope all the way!" Comes with a free CD single of the Village People's classic, In The Navy.



Create your very own corporate coffee empire! Just like in traditional Monopoly, you race around the board and buy all the classic properties from Ventnor Ave. to Boardwalk. But instead of houses and hotels, you erect sparkling new Starbucks stores! Wheel and deal with enough savvy and you can put up nine franchises in the same three-block neighborhood — just like in real life! And by charging \$7.95 for a six-ounce Frappuccino, you'll be rakin' in thousands and thousands Monopoly bucks! The familiar game tokens have been replaced with the Colombian burro, hipster goatee, bloodshot eyeball and the black-as-har cup of Joel. Also available: Wal-Mart Monopoly, Barnes and Noble Monopoly and Blockbuster Video Monopoly.





AMERICAN BLAH STAND DEPT.



WELCOME TO SUBURBIA

THE REASON
SHAKE 'N' BAKE
CHICKEN WAS MADE

WHERE
TV GUIDE IS
GOSPEL

LOCATED BY
A WAL-MART
NEAR YOU



Traffic Jam of S.U.V.s
Driving to the Gym

Only Known Road Leading
to the Real World

Traffic Jam of Gardeners to Mow
Lawns of Homeowners at the Gym

Shootout Caused by
Noisy Leaf Blower

The Weekly Adult Softball Game
That Has .01 Players for Every Beer

Endless Expanse of Well-Kept,
Pesticide-Soaked Lawns

Pack of Deformed Dogs That
Rolled in Pesticide-Soaked Lawns

Ice Cream Truck Driven by Same
Guy Who's Santa at the Mall

ARTIST: PAUL CONER
WALTER: RYAN PAGEO

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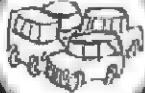
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CONCENTRATED ASSORTMENT OF PARKED MINI-VANS

CARBON COPY ALUMINUM-SIDED HOMES

CONSTRUCTION BEING DONE AT STRATEGIC LOCATIONS AROUND TOWN TO ENSURE THAT AT ANY GIVEN TIME ALL ROUTES WILL HAVE TO TAKE A DETOUR



MEGA-MALL THAT'S NEVER MORE THAN 15 MINUTES AWAY

Smoker's Hill, Where Rebellious Teens Discuss How Awful This Cruel, Cruel World Is in Their \$100 Shoes, \$50 Pants and \$30 Haircuts

All Roads Lead to the Mall

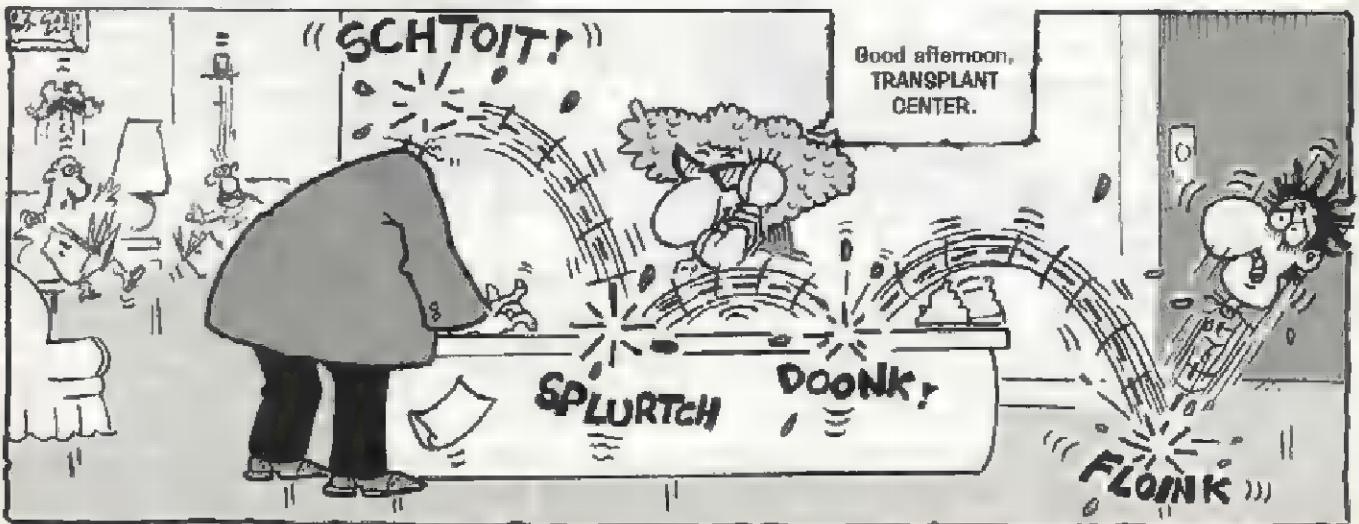
Last Remaining Restaurant Not Belonging to a Franchise or Chain

The Only House That Has Christmas Lights Up All Year

The Field of Fathers Living Failed Sports Dreams Through Their Kids

The Friendly Neighborhood Gas Station, Where a Fume-Addled Attendant Will Let You Pump Your Own Gas Only After You've Paid in Advance

TALES FROM the DUCK SIDE BACK TO THE SUTURE





A NERD TO THE WISE DEPT.

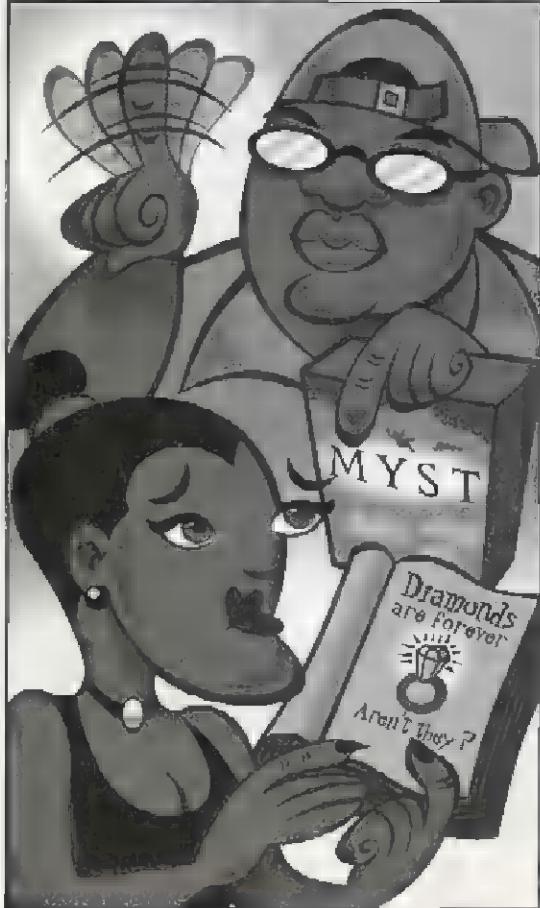
With the billion-dollar successes of Bill Gates and Jeff Bezos, it can be inferred that the computer technology boom is the ultimate revenge of the nerds. All that money would surely make even the geekiest of geeks very appealing! But before you go out and start dating these pasty-faced dorks with the hope of becoming the next billionaire wife, you might want to consider some of the downsides, as we point out in...

WHY CYBERGEEKS MAKE LOUSY BOYFRIENDS



ARTIST: GREY BLACKWELL

WRITER: BUTCH D'AMBROSIO



HIS FUTURE PLANS FOR THE TWO OF YOU NEVER GET PAST
"WELL, FIRST WE SHOULD PLAY ANOTHER GAME OF MYST!"



CREASE HIS NEW ISSUE OF WIRED AND HE WON'T TALK TO YOU FOR WEEKS.



WEB CAMS IN THE SHOWER



WHEN MADDONI APPROACHED HIS WEB PAGE THE DEPRESSION LASTS FOR DAYS.

MAD

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WHY CYBERGEEKS MAKE LOUSY BOYFRIENDS



SCULLY IS HIS GODDESS AND
YOU'RE NO SCULLY.



HE'LL GET YOU AN ENGAGEMENT RING JUST AS
SOON AS HE'S THE HIGHEST BIDDER ON eBAY.



YOU'RE ONLY PRACTICE TILL VIRTUAL
REALITY TECHNOLOGY REALLY TAKES OFF
AND HE CAN "DATE" ANGELINA JOLIE.



WHEN LEFT ALONE AT YOUR PARENTS' HOUSE, HE'D CHOOSE PLAYING
WITH YOUR FATHER'S NEW WEB TV OVER FOOLING AROUND.



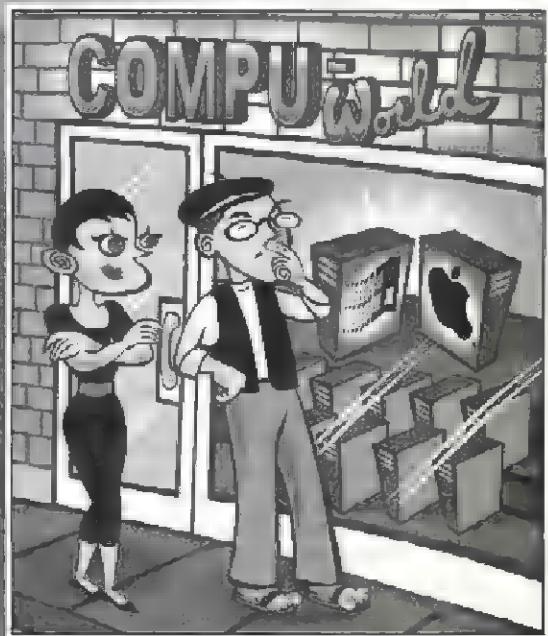
YOUR OPINION OFTEN COMES IN SECOND, RIGHT BEHIND THAT OF
SOMEBODY HE'S NEVER MET BUT HAS BEEN PLAYING ELECTRONIC
DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS WITH FOR FIVE YEARS.



HE'LL NEVER GIVE YOU THE PASSWORD TO ANY OF HIS E-MAIL ACCOUNTS,
BUT IF YOU REFUSE TO GIVE HIM THE PASSWORD TO YOURS, HE'LL BREAK
IN AND CHANGE IT TO "BITCH" JUST TO PROVE HE CAN.



YOU HAVE TO WAIT TILL HIS COMPUTER IS TIED UP DOWNLOADING A NEW GAME FOR A FEW MINUTES OF QUALITY TIME TOGETHER.



HAVING TO CHOOSE BETWEEN PC OR MAC WAS ALREADY ONE LIFETIME COMMITMENT TOO MANY.



AFTER SO MANY YEARS OF WORKING AT THE COMPUTER IN UNDERWEAR AND AN OLD RUSH T-SHIRT, DRESSING UP HAS COME TO MEAN NOTHING MORE THAN PUTTING ON PANTS.



AFTER 16 HOURS A DAY IN A CHAT ROOM, HE'S GOT NOTHING TO SAY TO YOU.



YOU CAN ONLY LOOK HIM IN THE EYE THROUGH THE REFLECTION ON HIS MONITOR.



YOU HAVE TO PLAN YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR AROUND SOFTWARE RELEASE DATES.



AN EMBARRASSMENT OF RICHARD'S DEPT.

You've seen the ads. "Buy a 52-inch giant screen TV, add a high-powered 6-channel Dolby surround sound system and you'll have a 'home theater' that's exactly like being at the movies!" Hmmm...not quite. To do that, you'll need to add the additional accessories we've created.

GADGETS TO

"Extra Channels" Super-Surround Sound Amplifier

Traditional six-channel audio systems may give you realistic theater sound, but this True-Life "Surrounding Sounds" unit adds two important additional channels to make it sound EXACTLY like you're at the movies!

Additional Channel 1: Adds the sound of people on both sides of you yakking. On one side they're loudly discussing the movie and on the other side they're blabbing about anything *but* the movie! The clarity of the digital sound will have you "shushing" during the entire film!

Additional Channel 2: Adds the sound of muffled loud noises like explosions, gunfire and dramatic music that has nothing to do with the movie you're watching. Why? To give you the "virtual" feeling you're at one of those multiplexes where the sound from movies on the other screens bleeds through the cheaply constructed, paper-thin walls!

"Extra Channels" Plus: This deluxe version adds a third additional channel with the sound of ringing cell phones and annoying cell phone conversations! Need we say more?

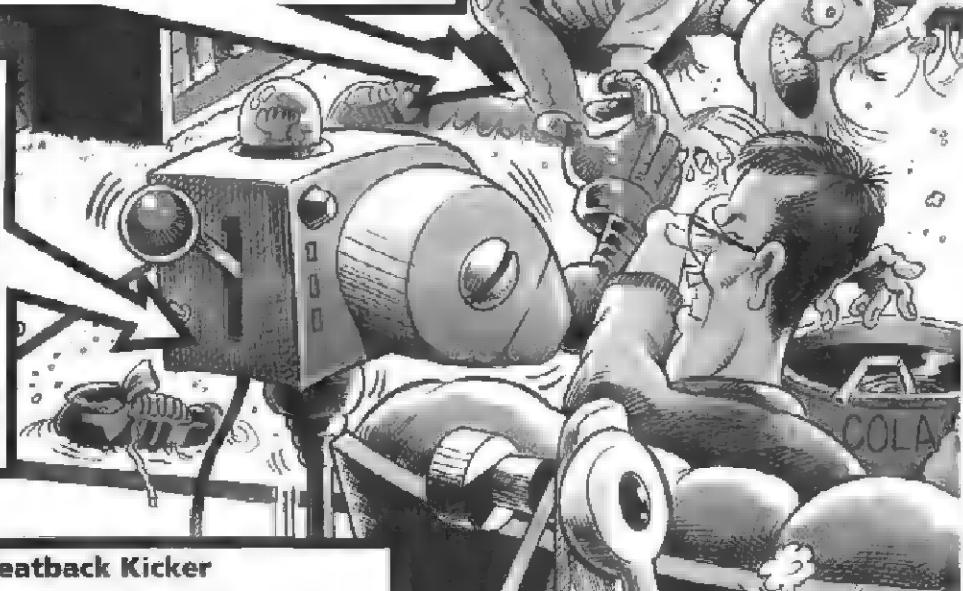


Sticky Theater Floor Mat

Just unroll the Sticky Theater Floor Mat and place it in front of your sofa or other viewing area. As you or any member of your family walks into your home theater or gets up to go to the bathroom, you'll feel like you've stepped in a sticky concoction of chewing gum, candy, spilled popcorn and soda. The deluxe version features nachos with melted cheese and those gooey ice cream bon-bons!

Arm Rest Elbow Fighter

Even though your arm takes up only half the arm rest when you go to the movies, the stranger next to you tries to take up the WHOLE arm rest by pushing your arm away, right? Often an "elbow wrestling" match worthy of the WWF ensues. That's at a real theater, but now, even if you're alone in your home theater, you can still "fight" another elbow. Simply set your Arm Rest Elbow Fighter for the amount of pushing power you want, and get ready to battle! There's also an "outcome" switch so you can win once in a while, everytime or never!



Auto Seatback Kicker

Install this electronic device behind your favorite movie-viewing chair, set the controls, and you'll feel the back of your seat being kicked just like at a regular movie theater! Separate settings allow for a variety of kicking power (Sandals, Sneakers, Steel-Toed Construction Boots) and kicking speed (Intermittent, Constant).

When watching extra-long movies like *Titanic*, replacement shoes good for about 10,000 kicks will also be available.

REALLY MAKE HOME THEATER LIKE GOING TO THE MOVIES!



Home Theater-Sized Food Smell Generator

People don't just eat popcorn at the movies anymore. They bring in their own food, all kinds of food! To make your home viewing experience more realistic, the Food Smell Generator delivers random food smells like "hot oily french fries," "Chinese take-out" and of course, "pizza with smelly anchovies." Food smells start soon after the opening credits and become more and more pungent until the movie ends or you shut the unit off in utter disgust and nausea!

Other objectionable food smells available include Sausage & Peppers Hero, Corned Beef & Cabbage Plate, Falafel & Gyro Pita and Unidentifiable Ethnic Stew.

The Surprise Ending Spoiler

Lots of information is digitally encoded in the movies you rent. The Surprise Ending Spoiler decodes vital facts — like who the murderer is — long before you might. And then, in a digital whisper just loud enough for you to hear, it leaks that vital information, helping to spoil your viewing enjoyment! The Surprise Ending Spoiler duplicates the experience so many of us have had at a real movie theater when seated near someone who has already seen the movie or when passing people in the lobby who just saw the previous show! No "realistic" home theater is complete without this often overlooked accessory!

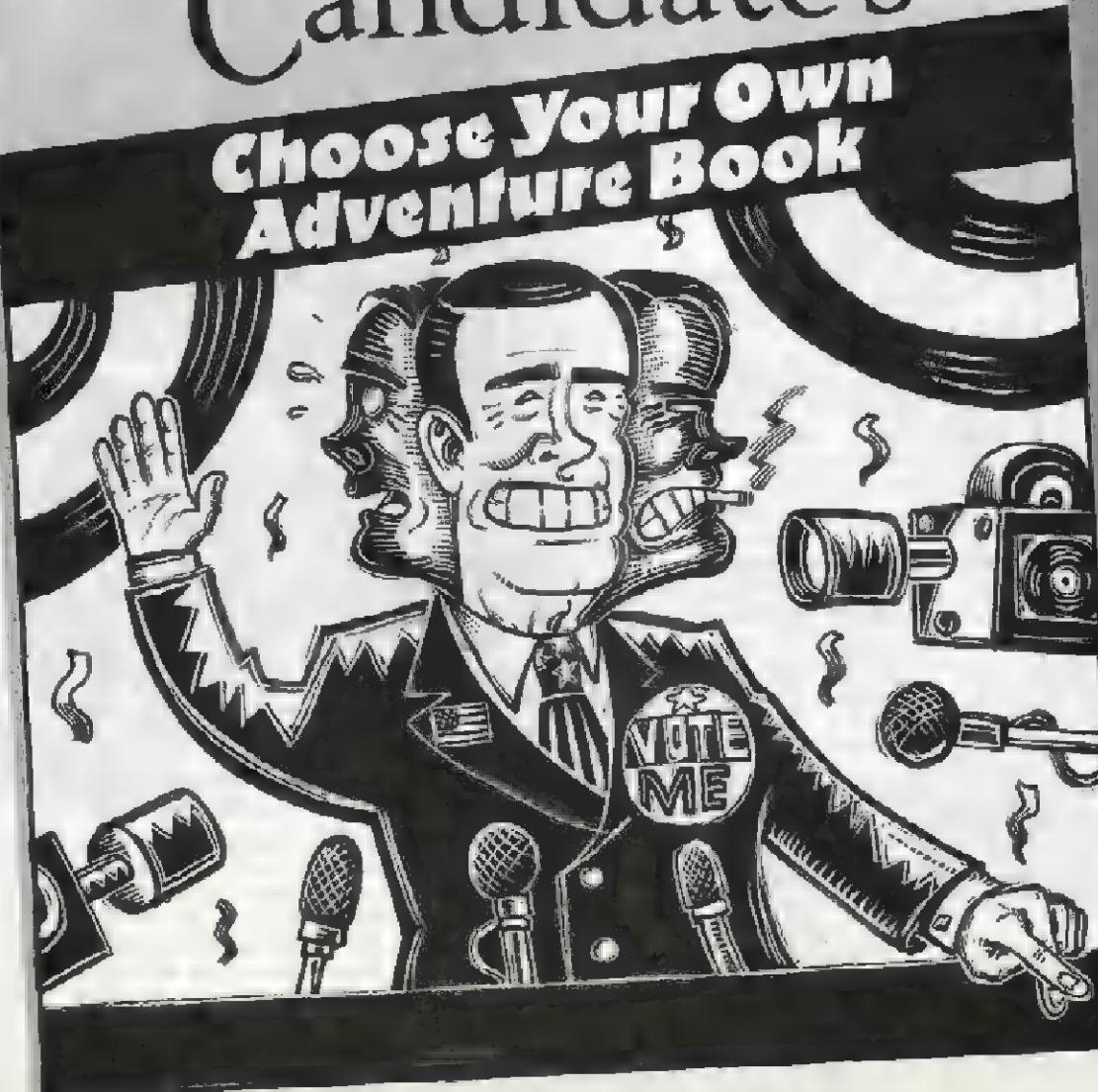


ELECTILE DYSFUNCTION DEPT.

For a number of years, there has been a popular book series called *Choose Your Own Adventure*. For a dull description of that series, continue reading. To avoid that part, just skip to the fifth line of this introduction. The *Choose Your Own Adventure* series utilizes a gimmick which makes the reading of a hackneyed juvenile adventure story into an interactive experience. Readers decide which course of action the story's main character takes, and steer the story into any of several possible directions. To continue reading this introduction, keep going. To skip the rest of this introduction, go straight to the title. Perhaps your best choice might be to turn to Monroe or *The Lighter Side Of...* and completely avoid...

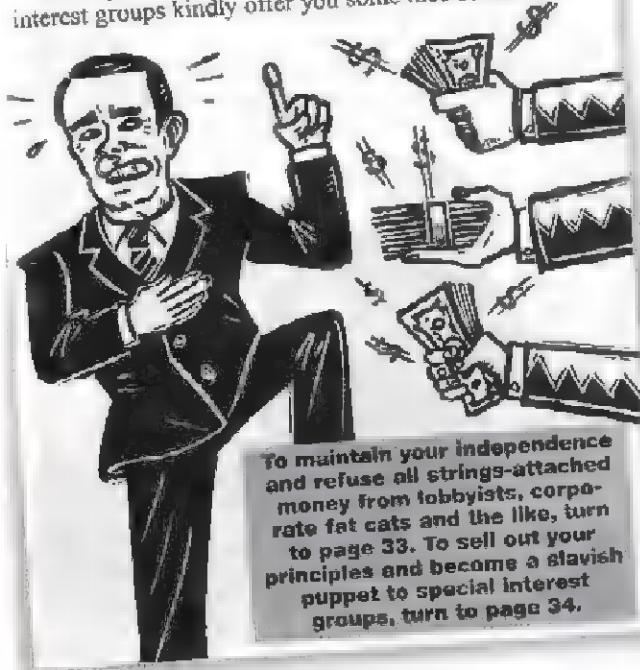
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**Choose Your Own
Adventure Book**

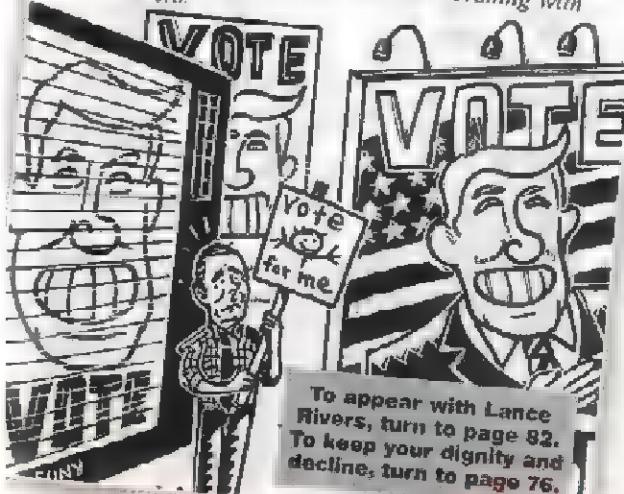


With dreams of bettering people's lives through public service, you aspire to run for president of the United States. But running for president costs millions and millions of dollars.

To help ease your financial burden, several special interest groups kindly offer you some nice soft money.



Unlike you, your opponent has accepted soft money and is running six commercials on every episode of *Survivor*, which immediately translates into invitations to appear on every major Sunday morning news show. Using only your own money plus a piffling few hundred thousand raised by your grassroots supporters on the internet, you can only afford some balloons and nail clippers with your name on them. The only TV invitation you receive is to appear on the local cable access show *In the Shank of the Evening* with Lance Rivers.



You give a heartfelt, well-thought out answer that carefully addresses all the subtle nuances of this important issue. As a result, you anger both viewers who disagree with your position, as well as viewers who agree with you, but don't want to hear such somber talk on *In the Shank of the Evening with Lance Rivers*.



Your comments are picked up and broadcast by all the major news outlets, and you end up pissing off all the people who were too stupid to follow the issue in the first place.

New poll numbers indicate that you're now running behind an obscure fourth party candidate who claims to be an extraterrestrial from the planet Zimbo in the Chancar Galaxy. Staff members abandon your campaign in droves, funding dries up and you have no choice but to get the hell out of the race – and fast!

To deliver your concession speech turn to page 191.

Campaign contributions pour in. You get a few million from *Restaurant Owners for the Elimination of Health Code Enforcement*, a few more million from *The Committee to Eliminate Income Taxes for Millionaires*, and a few additional millions here and there from questionable special interest groups.



While a few million won't go too far by itself, the combined millions from these sources add up. Your name is in the spotlight enough to give you the lead.

Now that you're ahead, you might want to think about coming up with a campaign strategy.

To campaign on the issues, turn to page 128.
To campaign on your image, turn to page 129.

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Choose Your Own Adventure Book

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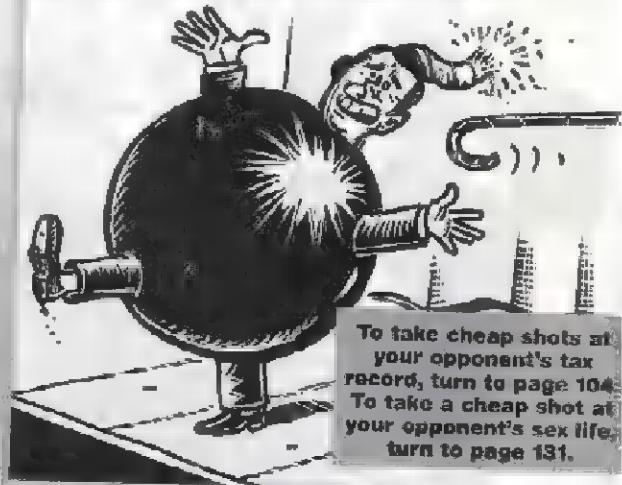
The 19.5 million dollars hits the spot! You begin a full media blitz campaigning as "The candidate with character who can't be bought!" Things are going great until you're grilled by a relentless investigative reporter on the nation's top-rated news magazine show. Waving copies of the 19.5 million dollars worth of cancelled checks in your face, he declares that you've been bought so badly by the tobacco and firearm industries that you should "have a UPC symbol on your ass!" He asks, "How does it feel to be a corporate slut?"



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Taking the lighthearted approach, you jokingly compare classroom flag-burning to the near-fatal fiery car crash Lance was in last August. The joke bombs Lance mutters something about going to commercial as you are quickly ushered off the show amidst a chorus of boos from the live audience.

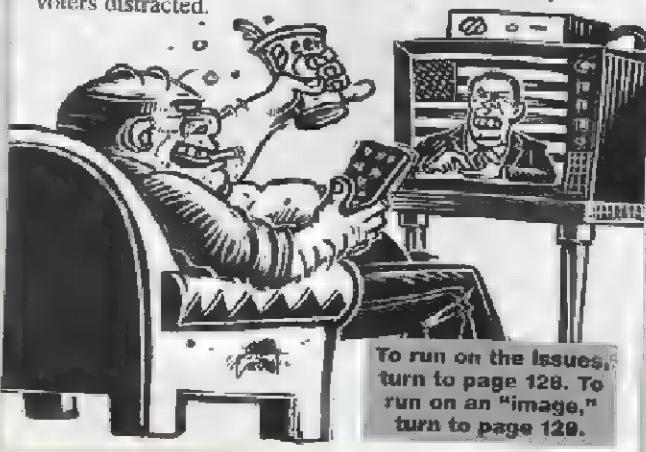
In the limo, the political consultant who wrote that joke says, "Well, I thought that went well." The public disagrees and your already-abysmal poll ratings plummet even further. Your only chance for survival now is to demonize your opponent during the debates.



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You say: "What I meant was that I have a firm position on this issue under the circumstances in which that position might be warranted. However, the individuals who have helped with my campaign represent the American people, and I will always uphold the wishes of the American people!"

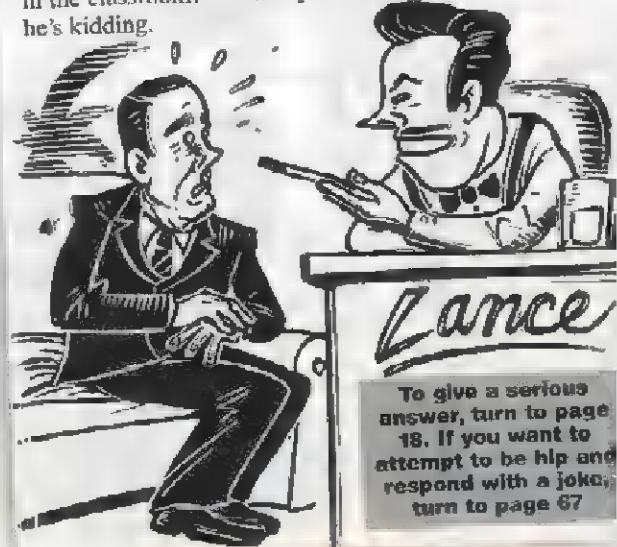
Your popularity soars among inattentive channel-surfers who only heard "I will always uphold the wishes of the American people!" That boost was just what you needed to win the primaries. Realizing that you probably can't fool all of the people all of the time, you decide you'll probably need some sort of platform to keep the voters distracted.



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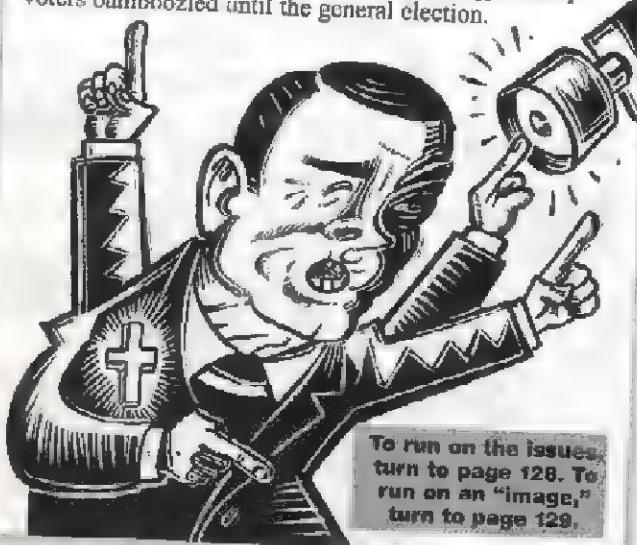
Lance Rivers keeps the audience rolling with his opening monologue, filled with wacky zingers about your candidacy and how you have about as much chance of becoming President as Marilyn Manson has of becoming Pope. He also makes fun of the goofy way you walk, your Sears Mens Shop suit and your wife's hair.

When you finally sit down with Lance, he hits you with a question — "What is your position on flag burning in the classroom?" — and you're not sure whether or not he's kidding.



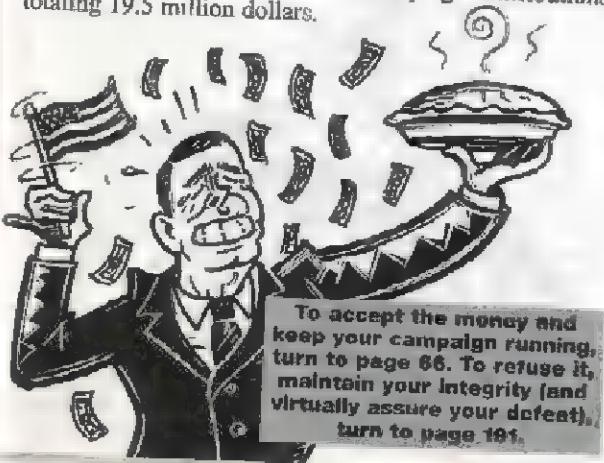
Shaking your finger defiantly at the camera, you insist that you did not accept special interest money. "This is a right and left wing conspiracy," you emphatically declare. "I put my faith in the American people and that of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!"

Playing the God Card works like a charm. Bamboozled Christians march lockstep into voting booths around the country to vote for you and you handily win the primaries. Now you need a campaign strategy to keep voters bamboozled until the general election.



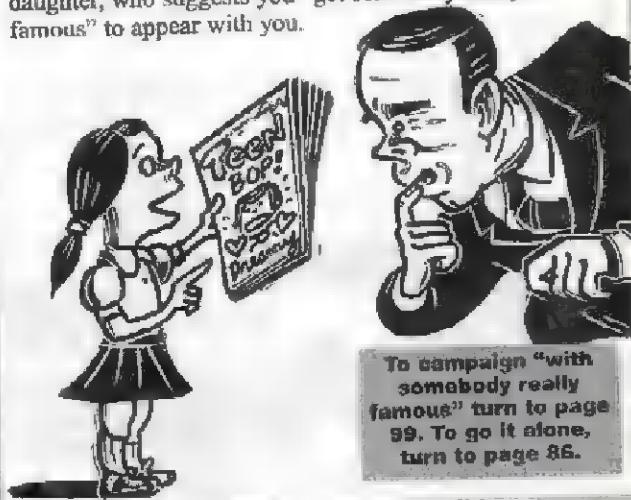
Without a celebrity on the campaign trail to get you free press, you wallow in relative obscurity until you suddenly get to appear on a phone-in TV show called *Washington Last Week*. On the show, the substitute host asks your position on campaign finance reform. You passionately express your strong support, invoking both the American Flag and apple pie in your response.

The next day, Farmer Jones Apple Pies, Inc. (a subsidiary of Amalgamated Tobacco Co.) and the Apex Flag Makers of America (a division of U.S. Assault Weapons Ltd.) commend you on your principled stand. As a way of "saluting" you, they kindly offer campaign contributions totaling 19.5 million dollars.



Desperate for exposure, you ask your staff for suggestions on how you can increase your name recognition with voters. Among their suggestions: walk across the entire country in lederhosen, hot-link your web site to every site with the phrase "teen cheerleaders" in it, and appear outside the *Today Show* window every morning, until Al Roker finally breaks down and asks you, "So, what do you do for a living?" and you can answer, "I'm running for President, Al!"

The most intriguing idea comes from your six-year old daughter, who suggests you "get somebody really famous" to appear with you.



You call up your old pal, retired football great Ed "Butty" Hamper, and ask him to do some TV spots endorsing you. The spots are an immediate hit and your ratings soar. Things could not be going better until Butty is arrested for DWI, selling crack cocaine and attempting to murder his wife and child, all on the same day. Making matters worse, it's another week before you are able to pull Butty's spots endorsing you. New polling data suggests a small but growing segment of the voters think he's your running mate. Your approval ratings quickly plunge below where they were before the Butty fiasco.



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Your plan to attack your opponent in the debates never gets off the ground, as he had a similar plan to attack you and he got to go first. No matter what question is put to him, he twists his response to remind everyone that when you were on the school board 20 years ago, you were at a carnival riding the Spinning Cups while an innocent man in a neighboring state was being put to death in the electric chair.

Caught like a deer in the headlights, your flustered response is, "I'm rubber, you're glue/Whatever you say bounces off me and sticks to you." You do take a small personal victory, however, when you are able to declare that you weren't riding the Spinning Cups — it was the Bumper Cars!

At the end of the debate, stunned moderator Bernard Shaw asks if you'd like to use your closing remarks to just withdraw from the race right now.



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Unlike your opponent, who relies on empty, meaningless slogans like "A reformer who reforms" and "The candidate who stays the course of change" you boldly state your actual positions on gun control, immigration, affirmative action and abortion.

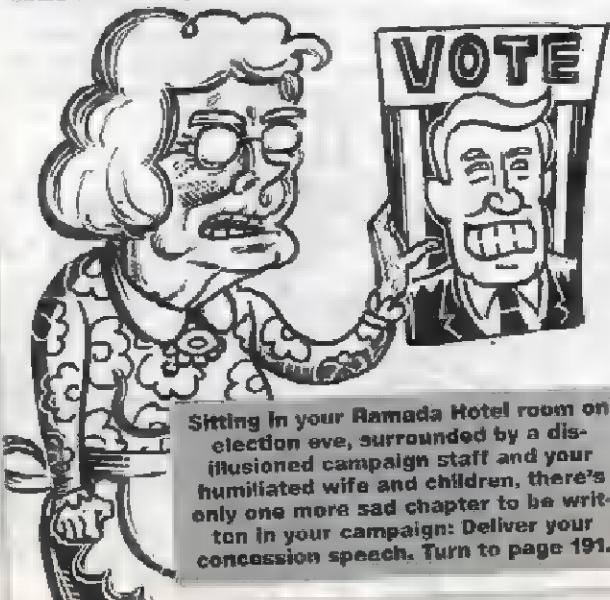
Liberals immediately brand you as "a fascist right-wing conservative," conservatives say you're "a bleeding-heart liberal" and moderates can't figure out WHAT the hell you're about — so you drop 50 points in the polls.



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You stand firm on the issues and your campaign heads into a tailspin.

On election day the local paper runs a sidebar story about how your own mother is going to vote for your opponent, and all the networks violate their projection policies and declare you the loser by 11 a.m., a full eight hours before the polls even close.



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You are repeatedly questioned by reporters about your strong views. You strike back, denouncing the media for "ignoring the issues" and taking your remarks out of context.

Vowing to never again make the mistake of taking a stand on anything, you declare yourself the "Candidate for the Children," and say that you "proudly have the exact same values as the American People." Whenever your opponent tries to criticize you, you accuse him of being "Anti-American, Anti-People and Anti-American People...especially children!"



To impress voters, you position yourself as "The energetic candidate who gets things done," and to drive the point home, you make running around at campaign events your trademark.

Unfortunately, on your first day out you accidentally bowl over the mayor of Pittsburgh's pregnant wife and end up tearing ligaments in both your knees.

You become instant fodder for all the late-night talk show hosts. Jay Leno dubs you "The energetic candidate who gets things done...on crutches" while David Letterman prefers simply, "The Flying Crutchman."

But all this mockery turns in your favor, as every comedy writer and political cartoonist in the country votes for you simply because they think your bungling ineptitude will guarantee them an excellent source of material.



Under the glare of the media spotlight you hypocritically congratulate your opponent on running a clean, hard-fought campaign, even though you'd been accusing him for months of playing dirty pool and running negative attack ads. You conclude your speech by announcing that you are retiring from politics and will never again seek public office.

Six months later you make millions from a best-selling memoir about your campaign experience, written from the perspective of your family cat, Cuddles. You are hailed by the media and pet-lovers alike as "a leader with integrity" and polls show that if the election were held today, you'd win in a landslide. When reporters ask about a possible run, you tell them that you "want to spend time with my family," but then announce formation of an exploratory committee.

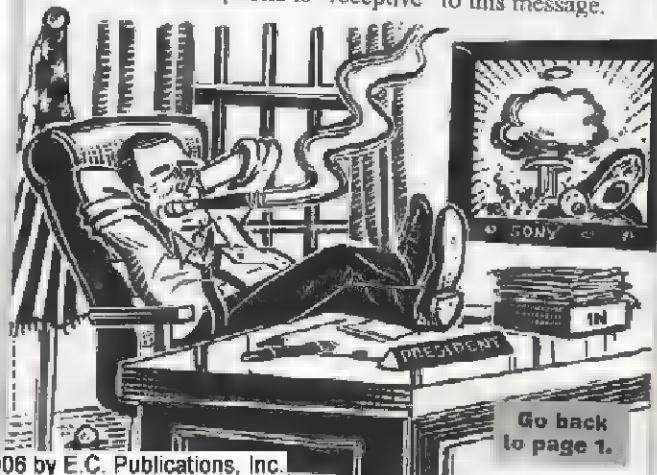


Even though you have no proof whatsoever, you begin the debates by launching into a blistering attack on your opponent for his immoral and deviant sexual behavior. Much to your surprise, he begins weeping and spends his entire allotted time apologizing to his family and friends for the abhorrent double life he has led. His laundry list of perversions is so long it makes Marv Albert look like the Dalai Lama. Your desperate strategy works!



You blaze into the Oval Office with high approval ratings and an overwhelming mandate for change. You dare not jeopardize your popularity by actually doing something, so you spend the next four years trying to pander to everyone and end up pleasing no one. Your sole plan for keeping your numbers up is to bomb Iraq and/or Libya every six months. An anti-Washington mood begins to sweep across the country.

Your politically-savvy wife suggests that you position yourself for re-election as the "Ultimate Washington Outsider Who Can Get Things Done." Initial poll results indicate that the public is "receptive" to this message.

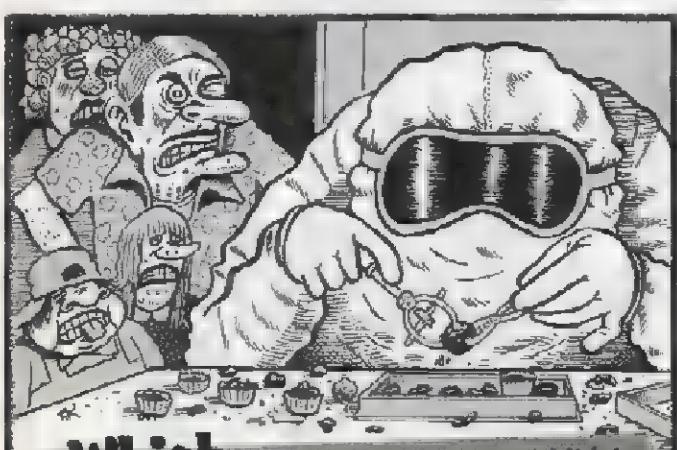
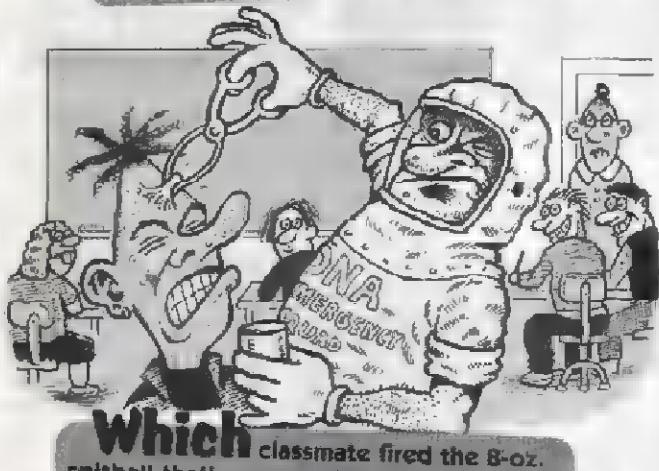




STRANDS ACROSS AMERICA DEPT.

In recent years, breakthrough research in DNA testing has aided in solving crimes, resolving paternity cases and, in one bizarre incident in New Jersey (where else?), determining who owned an escaped tiger. But let's face it, how many of us will ever be involved

USING DNA TESTING FOR



in one of these types of cases? Isn't it time that Dennis Fung, Barry Scheck and all those other DNA proponents began using DNA research for the greater good of all Americans? Isn't it time they got out their test tubes, fired up their Bunsen Burners and started...

QUESTIONS WE REALLY WANT ANSWERED



Which pizza-faced geek spent a half hour in front of the mirror popping his zits?



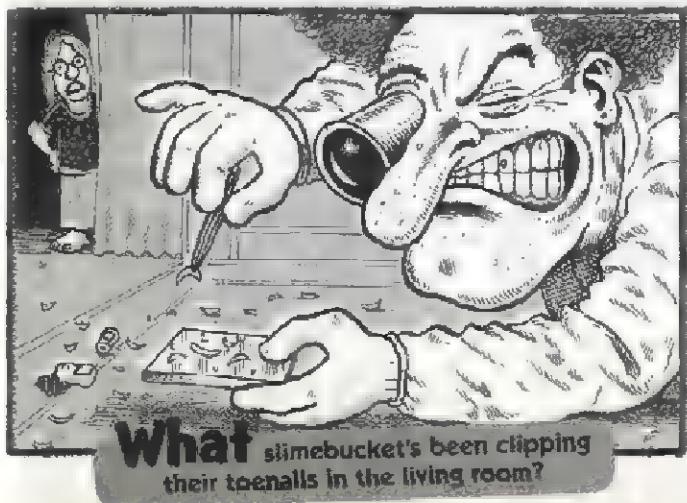
Which sharp-shooting male member of your family missed the bowl – again?



Which teen genius has been hocking loogies off the overpass onto unsuspecting motorists?



Which freakazoid customer made full use of the salad bar's sneeze guard?



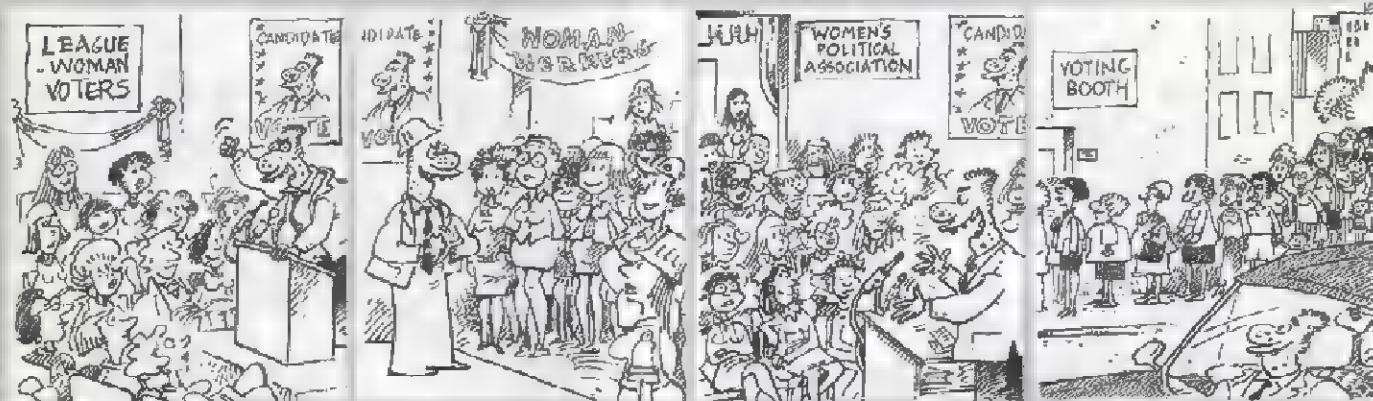
What slimebucket's been clipping their toenails in the living room?



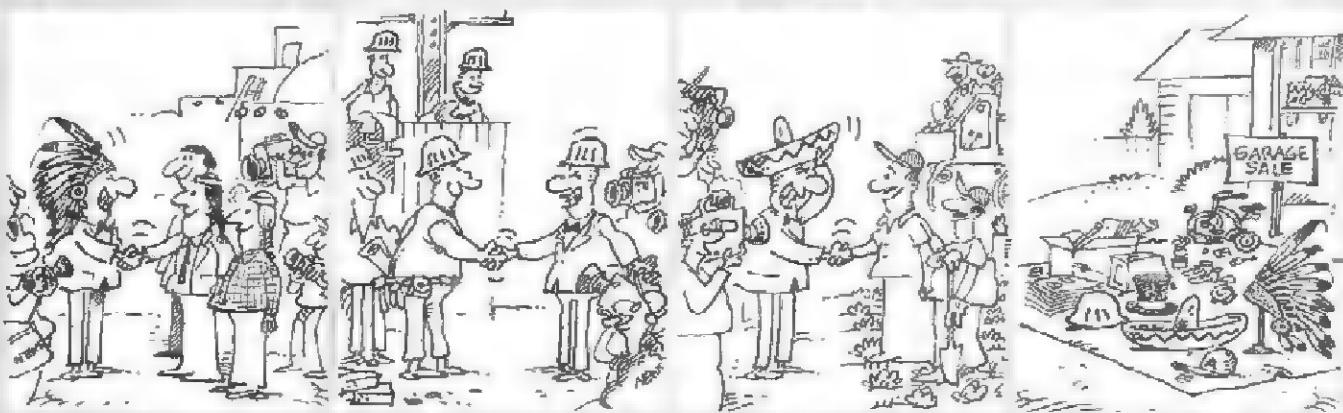
Who picked-and-flicked-it onto the cafeteria table?

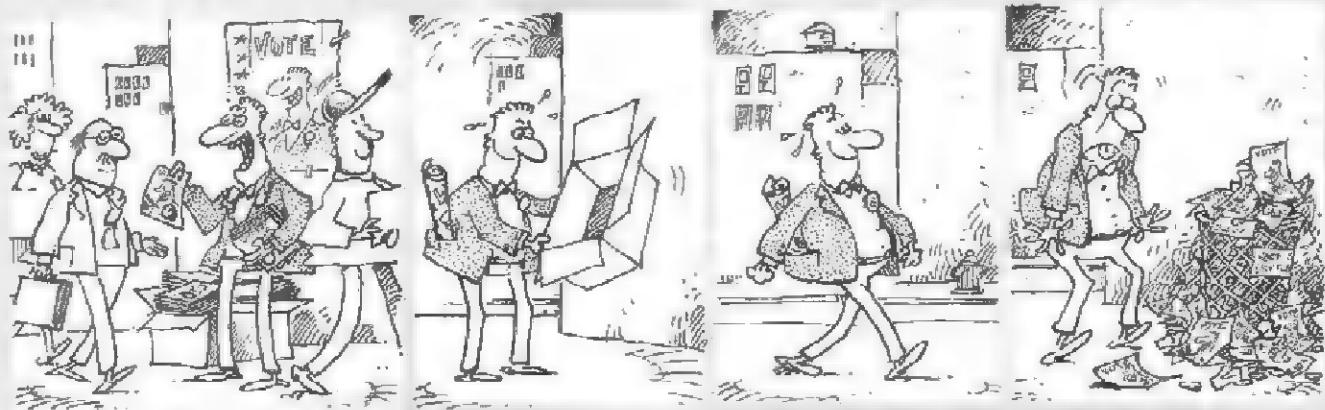
SERGE-IN GENERAL DEPT.

A MAD LOOK AT



ELECTIONS





GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY DREAD DEPT.

Our nation's democracy is at a crossroads, with fewer than one out of four eligible voters even bothering to cast a ballot for their nation's President! However, there is hope on the horizon...if you can call it "hope"! It seems as if 93% of America's teenagers and pre-teen wannabes are voting every single day! The unfortunate thing is, they're voting for Backstreet Boys videos! If you think all the super-edited "reality" shows, one-joke claymations, and pre-recorded VJ blather that MTV runs are bad, just wait until you're...

Totally Repulsed Live

Hey, this is Carsick Dorky, and welcome to another edition of *Totally Repulsed Live*! Before we start, check out my shirt! Isn't it cool? Got it memorized? Good! Because unless you pay incredibly close attention to my wardrobe changes, there's no way for you to know that we're not just re-running YESTERDAY'S *Totally Repulsed Live* episode!

We're going to have as our special in-studio guests 'N Sync! And there's a colossal amount of action on the countdown! The #8 and #9 videos from yesterday actually switched places! Yep, there's a lot of excitement on *Totally Repulsed Live* today!



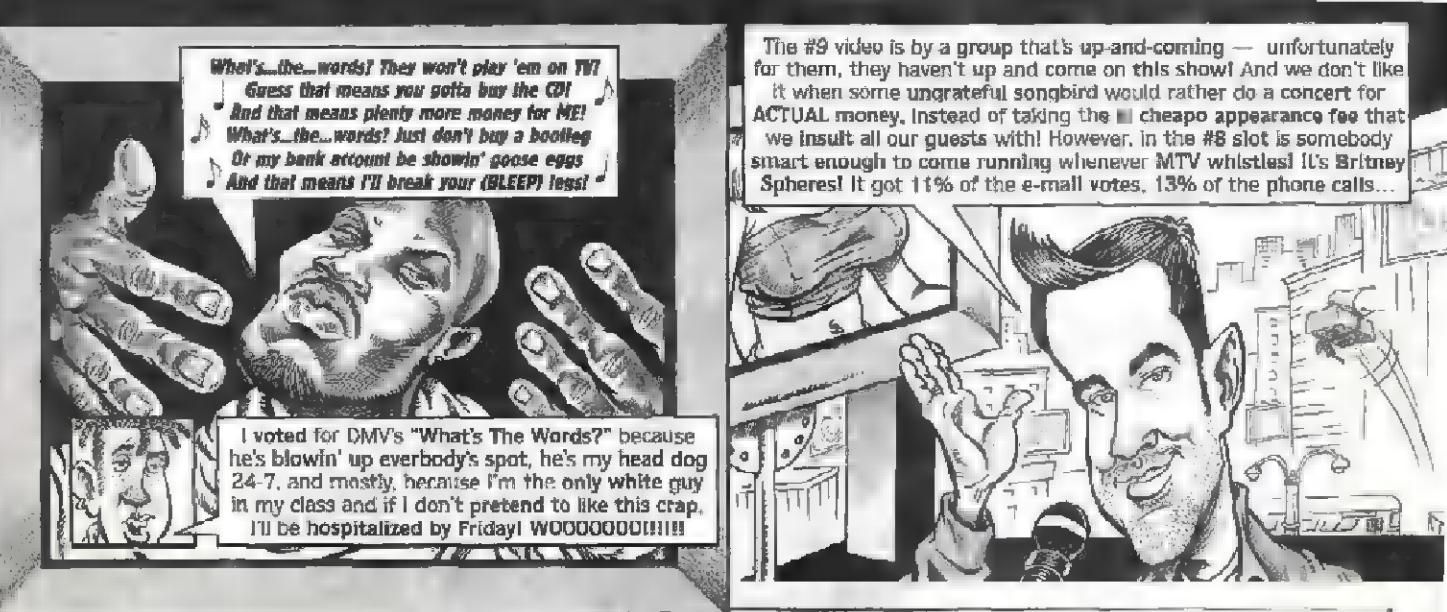
Oops, I meant to say "TRL." I forgot that our marketing experts want us to call this show *TRL, TRL, TRL*, because 90% of our viewers find remembering a three-word title "way too hard". In fact, we're thinking of changing the name of the whole channel to "MTV".

Here's the #10 video! It got a grand total of one vote, from a half-blind shut-in in Louisiana! But MTV's rap people have insisted that it remain on the countdown, just so we can at least PRETEND this namby-pamby show isn't wall-to-wall teenybopper pop music! It's by DMV, and he's asking, "What's The Words?"

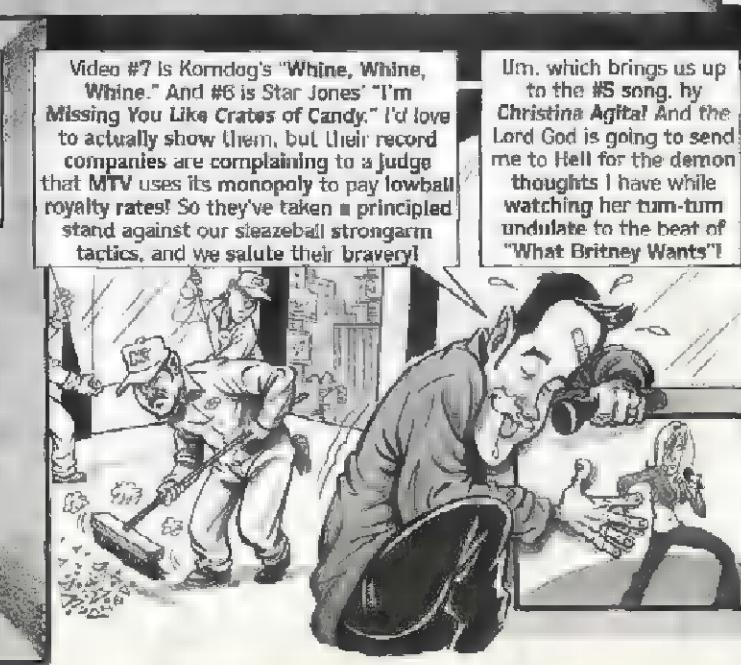
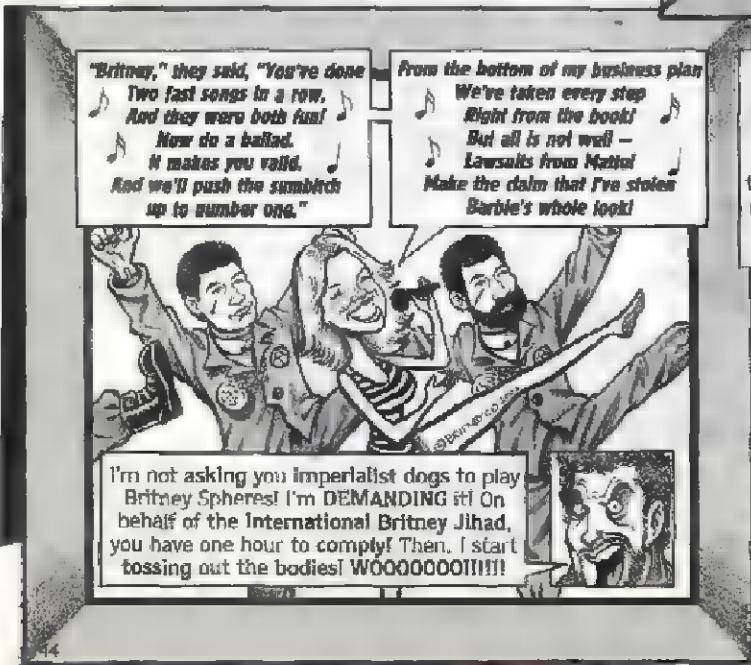
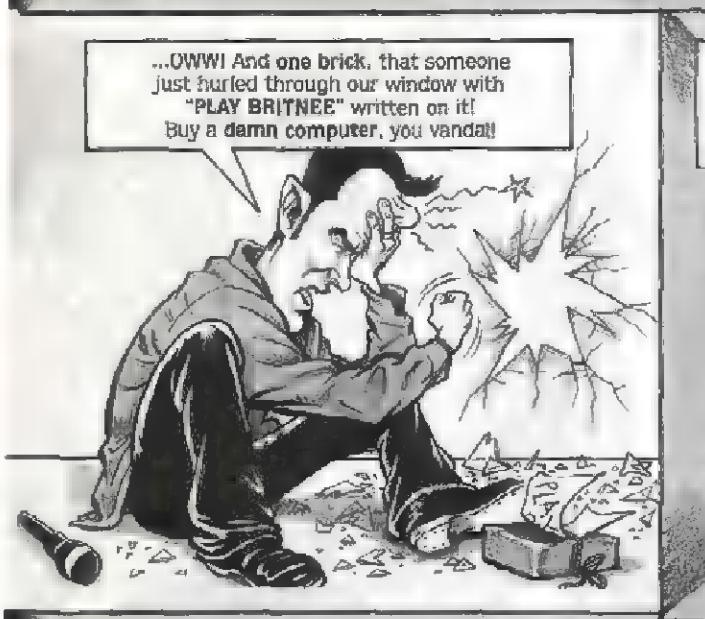
This is the (BLEEP) (BLEEP) I be talkin' about
Hail-rappin' (BLEEP) mother (BLEEP)
You think it's a game? You think it's a
(BLEEP)n' GAME?
Come on, uh, uh, uh
Uh, uh, uh, uh
If you don't have any lyrics
Just say "uh, uh, uh"

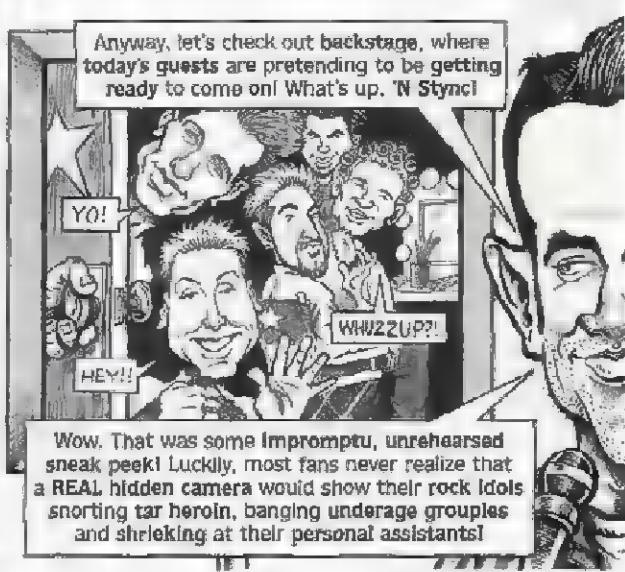
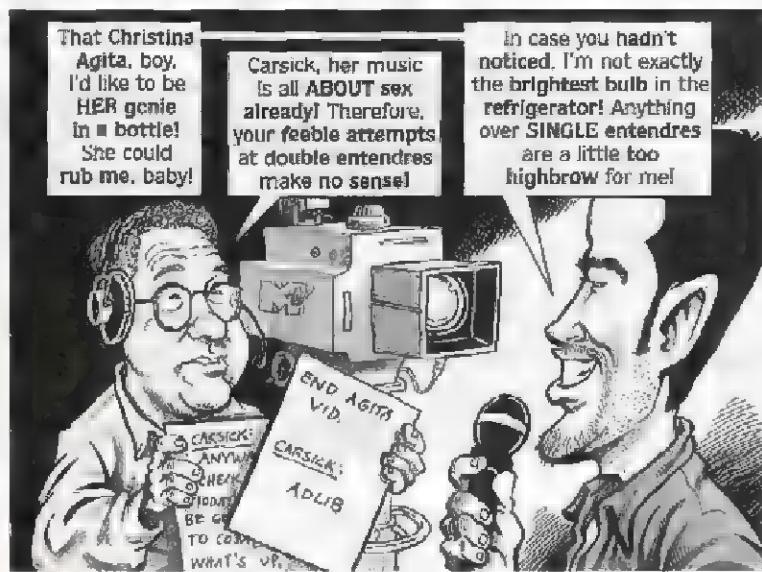
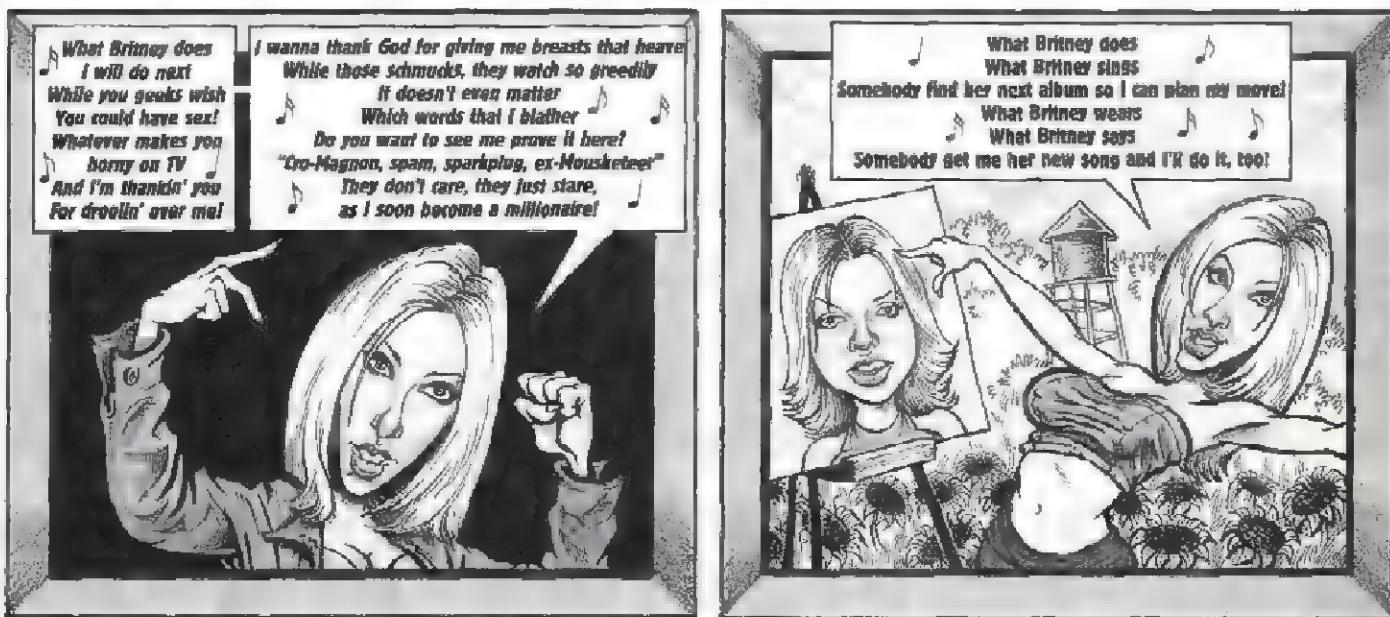
What's the words?
MTV just won't repeat 'em
The man in the sound booth,
He likes to delete 'em
You try to read 'em,
But you're just not able!
Whatever happened to
(BLEEP) (BLEEP) (BLEEP) cable?

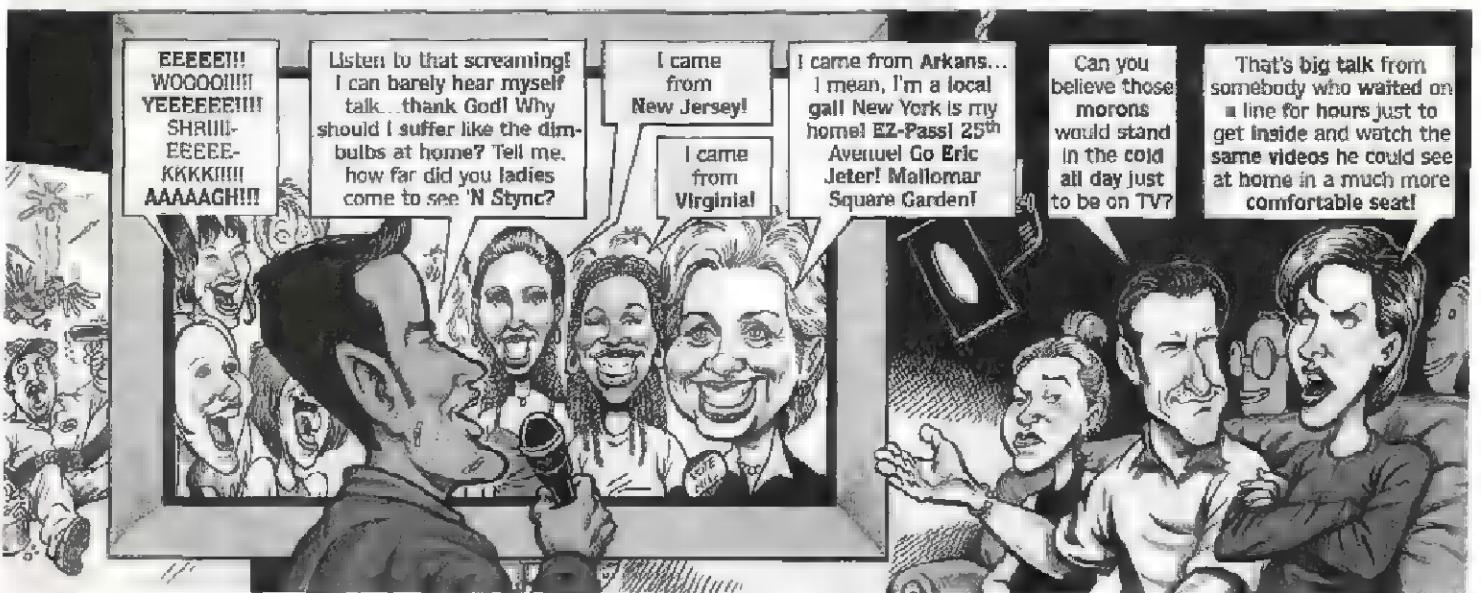




The #9 video is by a group that's up-and-coming — unfortunately for them, they haven't up and come on this show! And we don't like it when some ungrateful songbird would rather do a concert for ACTUAL money. Instead of taking the ■■■ cheapo appearance fee that we insult all our guests with! However, in the #8 slot is somebody smart enough to come running whenever MTV whistles! It's Britney Spheres! It got 11% of the e-mail votes, 13% of the phone calls...









I've asked my last 1,600 guests in a row to talk about the upcoming album, so why break a lucky streak? Tell us about the upcoming album!

It has that 'N Sync sound and that 'N Sync vibe! It's a good thing we did it ourselves...otherwise, we'd have to sue us!

But it's not just a pop record! We wanted to do something meaningful! That's why our next album will also include a topical song that deals with a very serious subject!

You mean like Aerosmith did with sexual abuse? Or R.E.M. did with suicide?

Well, kinda. Ours is about getting yucky forehead zits on Photo Day!

Ewwww! Um, maybe we should just roll the video...



Show me the moner, for being hunky

We're the opposite of being funky

But we take turns singing

The words

Ooooh wasahhh-hh, baby, yeah, ooh ooh

The words over one another

One another!

Breaking words in chunks

Not even a

Full sentence

Oh no, no

Words, sing, us

The! Unn. To want sandwich.



Fellas, I just want to thank you for stopping in and visiting with us!

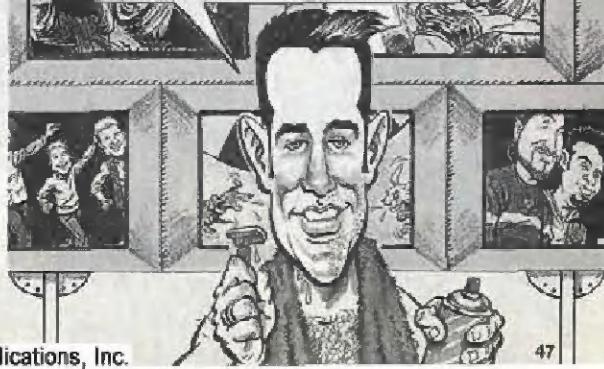
Thanks, Carsick! We always like to drop by when we're in the neighborhood!

Yeah, we just get a kick from hanging out with our fans!

And we mean "dropping by" and "hanging out" as synonyms for "pushing the ever-loving crap out of our current product!" And how we've done that! Let's get the hell out of this dump!



Well, that just about wraps up another exciting installment of *TRL*! Be sure to tune in tomorrow! And the day after that! And every single day next week! We'll keep running these same ten music videos until the damn cassettes melt!



MAD's CELEBRITY CAUSE-OF-DEATH BETTING ODDS

Our team of crack oddsmakers gives you the latest Vegas line on how one of today's biggest stars will...be...outta...here!

THIS MONTH'S FUTURE CORPSE WHO'S SO STIFF HE'LL MAKE AL GORE LOOK LIKE PLASTIC MAN WEARING TUBE SOCKS ON A POLISHED GYM FLOOR DURING THE SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE, CHA CHA:

DENNIS MILLER

CAUSE OF DEATH

ODDS

Chokes on own string of obscure references

2:1

Scared to death by ghost of Howard Cosell for being too verbose and obnoxious

5:1

Squished flat by a 325 lb. Offensive Linemen he refers to as "Cha Cha" during a post-game interview

8:1

Broken neck from his constant wiseass hair flip

10:1

Stroke from frustration of always having his football rants interrupted by football play-by-play

12:1

Stabbed by an outraged O.J. Simpson for getting the announcer job he would have gotten if the network hadn't played the "race card"

15:1



Roger's
Thesaurus

Whassup?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS **MAD FOLD-IN**

The hot catchphrase sweeping America is "Whassup?" When you hear it, it means it's time for parties, good times and beer, beer, beer! Yep, whether you're home, at a sports bar or over a friend's place, when someone says "Whassup?" it's time to crack open some tall, frosty brews. But that's not all "Whassup?" stands for. To really find out "Whassup?" fold page in as shown.



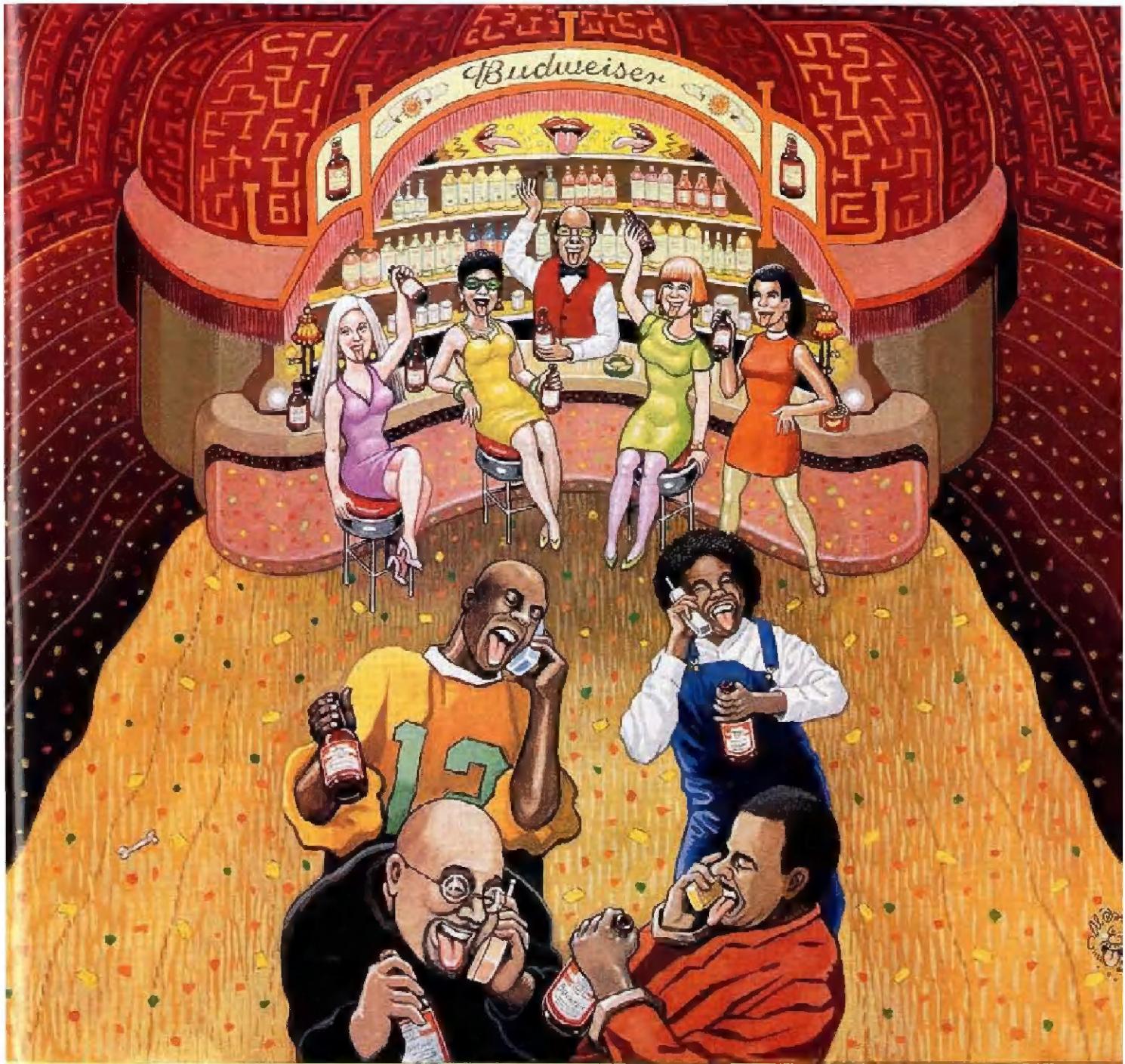
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SHOUTS OF "WHASSUP?" BRINGS
COLLECTIONS OF HAPPY PARTYING PALS OUT TO STAGE
BIBULOUS BEER BASHES. THESE DUDES SEEM STRANGE
TO SOME, BUT THEIR LOUD "WHASSUP?"
DRAW MILLIONS OF FANS TO JOIN THEIR WAY OF THINKING

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ARTIST AND WRITER: AL JAFFEE

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